

Hussein visit keeps Thatcher from House and forces Treasury chief secretary to deal with onslaught from Labour

Hattersley denied clash with PM on top salaries

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Peter Rees, who is expected to be in the House of Commons today, has denied a report that he had a clash with the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, over the Government's decision to sanction big increases in top salaries.

The decision had been announced in a written answer from the Prime Minister on Thursday. When Mrs Thatcher was asked yesterday by the Labour leader, Mr Roy Hattersley, immediately after the decision to sanction big increases in top salaries.

After hurried consultations, the Government agreed to accept a private notice question from Mr Hattersley addressed to the Prime Minister.

When Mrs Thatcher did not appear to answer it, Mr Hattersley said that to hide behind the Chief Secretary showed the depth of her desperation. In fact, Mrs Thatcher was meeting King Hussein in the absence of Mr Barony Hayhoe, the Treasury Minister who deals with Civil Service questions, the lot fell on Mr Rees.

The Government had decided that Tuesday's business should change to allow a debate on an order approving a 16.7 per cent salary increase for the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, so that he did not get left behind when the salaries of top judges were uprated. This meant a business statement by the Leader of the House, Mr Biffen, immediately after Mr Hattersley's question.

There was an unusually full house for the Friday by the time Mr Hattersley put his question. How could the Government justify removing low-paid young people from the protection of the wages council one day and pushing up top salaries the next?

If the Government was now converted to the principle of pay comparability, would it restore it for teachers, miners, nurses and local authority manual workers, whose previous right to comparability it had denounced?

From the Conservative backbenches, Sir Peter Emery (Hounslow), a former minister, warned: "This award is pushing the loyalty of many Conservatives in the constituencies a very long way."

The Prime Minister had suggested that MPs and people at the top end of the salary scale should exercise restraint and give a lesson in the fight against inflation. Yet these increases were being added to top salaries when teachers and nurses were being urged to accept modest sums.

Mr Fred Silvester (Manchester, Wirral) said the Government were claiming that the report was based on comparability. But wasn't the question of relative justice between different groups also an important consideration?

Conservative MPs supporting the Government's decision outnumbered those who attacked it. Sir William Clark (Croydon S), said that what was at stake was the calibre of people in top positions. The National Audit Office, for instance, had drawn attention to the difficulty of recruiting top accountants for the government service.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross) said these awards made up for increases which past governments had wrongly been frightened of making. And Mr Michael Howard (Folkestone) said the need to provide exceptional rewards for exceptional ability, responsibility and effort was recognised in all the most successful world economies.

From the Labour side, Mr Michael Foot (Birkenhead) challenged the Government to treat teachers and nurses with the same understanding. Mr Willie Hamilton (Central Fife) said the decision was in line with the Government's policy of clobbering the poor while mollifying the rich.

Mr Michael Foot (Bradford W) said the increases were represented as necessary to deal with low morale and stop civil servants feeling like parasites. But many in the lower ranks of civil servants felt the same way too. The Government's constant denigration of the public service was to blame.

For the Alliance, Mr Clement Freud (Lib. Cambridge, NE) said the Government was concerned about losing good civil servants but showed a cavalier disregard of the danger of losing good teachers and nurses.

Mr Rees said Mr Hattersley that in 1978, when he was a member of the cabinet, Labour had sanctioned a 35 per cent increase in top people's pay. He denied any valid comparison with the decision on wages councils: the problem here had been with the recruitment and retention of people of very high quality.

He denied that comparability had been an important factor in the conclusions of the pay review body. The number of people involved in this award was very small (just over 1,500) and the award would have no effect on cash limits.

He also denied that teachers and nurses had done badly under the Government.

When Mr Biffen came to the despatch box to announce Tuesday's debate on the Lord Chancellor's rise, Mr Peter Shore, from the Labour front bench, said the Government's treatment could be reconciled with the principles on which top people's pay awards had just been defended.

Was the Lord Chancellor's new rate of £77,000 a year necessary because he might otherwise be tempted to leave the job? Or was it because of the government's inability to attract suitable candidates to replace him?

Mr Jack Straw (Lab, Blackburn) said there would be moral outrage at the fact that Lord Hailsham would be getting more for an hour's work than some adult employees in a week's work.

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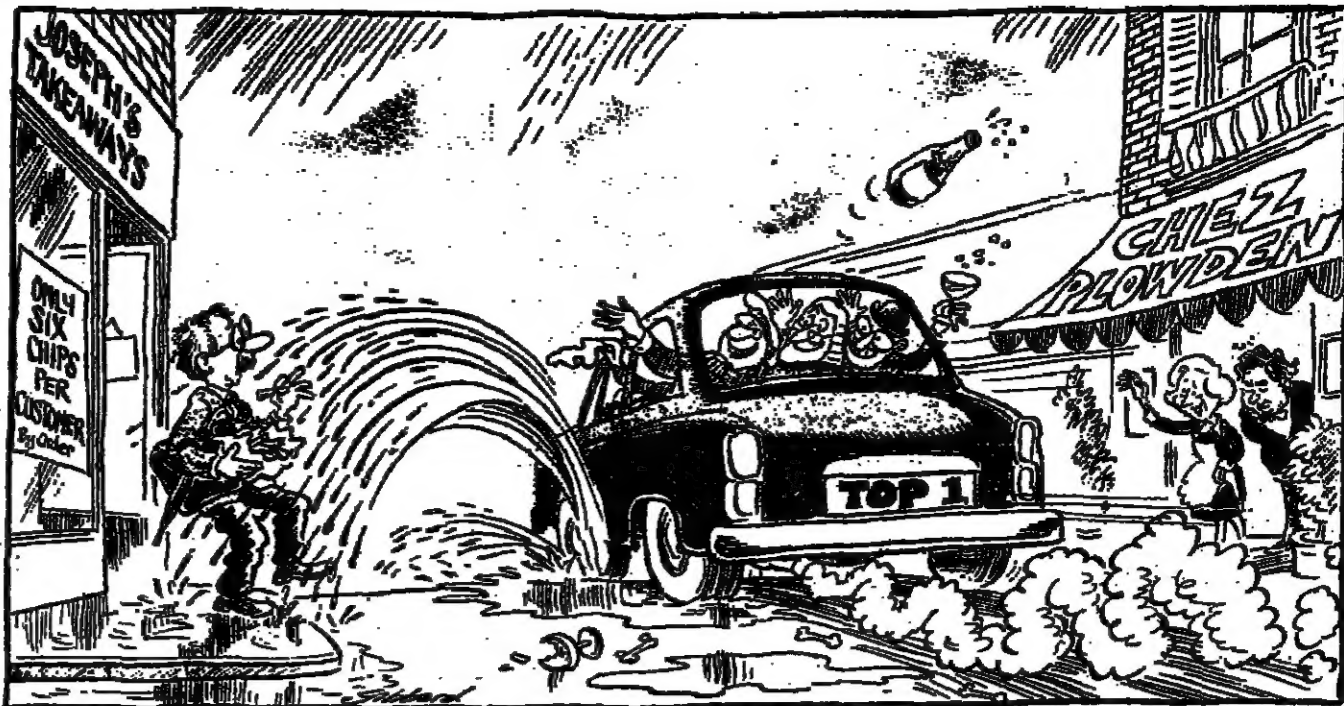
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Goodbye Mr Chips

Unions use award as negotiating lever

By Richard Norton-Taylor
CIVIL Service union leaders yesterday avoided the political outcry against the Government's decision to accept hefty pay awards for Whitehall's top 650 officials and made it clear they will concentrate on using it as a weapon in future pay negotiations for their 600,000 members.

They said that the Government, by accepting the principle of pay comparability with the private sector for top civil servants, must now apply it to the rest of the public service.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Defeat for Chadburn

MR RAY Chadburn, the Nottingham miner's union president, yesterday failed to win a High Court injunction ordering the area's rebel leadership to allow him to chair area council meetings and use the area union's headquarters, writes Patrick Wintour.

Mr Justice Tucker ordered an early hearing of Mr Chadburn's claim for permanent orders, forcing the area to keep him as president until he has been dismissed within the area union rules. Mr Chadburn claims the rebel leadership has ignored the disciplinary procedure, but Mr John Allsop, a member of the area executive, said after the hearing that Mr Chadburn had effectively dismissed himself by walking out of an area executive meeting.

Election fuels Labour fears

LABOUR apprehension about the effect on party support of a Nottingham NUM breakaway grew yesterday after the SDP took a seat from Labour in local by-election in Mansfield, with a swing of over 17 per cent since last May.

Clarke booted at health congress

THE HEALTH Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, was booted off the stage yesterday at the end of the 1985 World Congress on Mental Health held in Brighton. He became so angry that he called an ex-psychiatric patient, who was barracking him, a "crackpot".

The delegates took exception when Mr Clarke said that, in his view, the British Government was doing more than most in the world to ensure that by the year 2,000 "mental health for all" would be a reality.

New post mortem for Hell's Angel

AN INDEPENDENT post-mortem is to be held on Monday on the Hell's Angel, John Mikkelsen, who died in police custody on Tuesday, writes Penny Ghorlton.

A Home Office pathologist carried out a post-mortem earlier this week, but Scotland Yard said yesterday that the results were not yet available. The Windsor chapter of Hell's Angels are understood to be making the funeral arrangements for Mr Mikkelsen, who is thought to have been the only black Hell's Angel in Britain.

British chess hope survives

NIGEL Short outplayed Martin of Spain at the world chess series in Biel, Switzerland, yesterday and maintained an outside chance to qualify as Britain's first candidate.

Short is in seventh place with 7½ points out of 13, two points behind the leader Yegorin of Russia, writes Leonard Barden.

Aids victim passes disease to wife

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

The wife of an Aids victim has developed the disease, the government's chief medical officer, Dr Donald Acheson, disclosed yesterday.

Her husband, a haemophilic, was infected by contaminated supplies of the blood clotting agent Factor 8 imported from the United States. He developed the disease, and passed the virus on to his wife.

The couple, who are not being named, are believed to live in the North. Some 2,500 haemophilic men in Britain have been infected by Factor 8. A small number have transmitted this infection to their spouses," he added. Children have also been infected in the US.

The Haemophilia Society is issuing a safe sex guide for members. Ten thousand people in the UK have been infected with the Aids virus, HTLV III, Dr Acheson said. Doctors have

stressed that only 5 to 10 per cent will develop the disease. The Department of Health is assuming there will be 150 to 2,000 by 1988.

Most infected people were homosexual men in London, Dr Acheson told a Medical Journalists Association meeting. The numbers were increasing at the rate of 50 to 100 a week, he said.

The number of infected people was crucial, he continued. "They are usually free of symptoms for many months or years, or unaware of their infection, but are nevertheless infectious at least to the same degree as patients with fully developed Aids. This degree of infectivity may persist indefinitely."

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Shot killer's injuries reduces gaol sentence

An armed robber who killed a policeman was told yesterday that his own serious injuries saved him from a recommendation to serve at least 20 years in gaol.

Colin Richards, aged 35, was paralysed and confined to a wheelchair after a seaside shoot-out at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. He was gaoled for life yesterday for killing Sergeant Brian Bishop with a sawn-off shotgun after ignoring warnings to give himself up.

Mr Justice Boreham said he would have recommended that Richards serve at least 20 years in gaol if his injuries had not reduced his danger to society. Sergeant Bishop, aged 37, and Sergeant Fairweather, aged 39, were among eight armed officers sent to arrest Richards near the seaford several hours after he carried out an armed raid at Walton post office, and an attempted raid at Frinton post office.

The officers — wearing body armour and armed with 38 revolvers and two shotguns — lay in wait for Richards to return to collect a bag containing the stolen cash, which he had dumped in bushes.

As he returned to his motorcycle after failing to find the bag, Sergeant Bishop got out of the car, Sergeant Fairweather was wounded in the groin.

After seeing his two colleagues gunned down, Acting Sergeant Waugh blasted Mr Richards four times with a shotgun, permanently paralysing him from the waist down.

Mr Michael Corkery, QC, defending, said that Richards felt remorse and contrition over the policeman's death.

Crime haven to end

From Jane Walker in Madrid

Criminals on the run from British justice may be forced to seek new havens under legislation coming into effect shortly. Spain and the UK are expected to sign an extradition treaty on Monday, and a new Spanish aliens law which comes into force on Tuesday gives the courts power to expel "undesirables" living in Spain. It is estimated 500 Britons come into this category.

Mr Fernando Ledesma, the Spanish Justice minister, announced yesterday that he would be signing the new treaty with Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, in London during a visit next week.

Spain and Britain have been without an extradition treaty since 1978 when the Spanish cancelled the previous one.

Because the Spanish constitution does not permit any treaty to be retroactive, wanted men already residing in Spain at the time of the implementation of the new treaty will not be eligible for extradition.

Gaelic speakers back in fashion

By Jean Stead, Scottish Correspondent

DARE memories of Scottish children being punished for speaking Gaelic in school playgrounds were exercised by the Scottish Secretary yesterday.

Mr George Younger issued a text of his speech in Gaelic at a conference in the Gaelic language. Last year, a Gaelic body was set up with his help and a £200,000 grant from the Highlands and Islands Development Board. This was its first conference, shared with An Comunn Na Gàidhlig, the Gaelic Cultural Association.

The government reaction to the Montgomery committee's proposals on reforms for the Highlands and Islands is to be published this week. The report backed the idea of specific further education grants for Gaelic students, and Mr Younger yesterday supported this, promising to have talks with local education authorities on providing grants for Gaelic. Previously most of them have opposed them.

Many people in Scotland see Gaelic as an expensive luxury, not to say a long step backwards into a past discredited by the English. The Highlands and Islands lead the way in teaching Gaelic in schools, and the Hebridean islands are officially bilingual in local government as well as schools.

But one-third of all Gaelic speakers are in Strathclyde, Scotland's biggest urban population centre, says Mr Jack MacArthur, chairman of the trustees of the Gaelic College on Skye where the conference was held.

A primary school in Glasgow is starting to teach Gaelic to its infant pupils, and the Scottish Office intends to keep a close eye on progress.

Mr MacArthur said he detected a warmer climate towards Gaelic at the Scottish Office. "It is fascinating and encouraging," he said. Scotland's 80,000 Gaelic speakers are amazed at the change of heart in what is often regarded as a bastion of English culture.

Mr Younger said the split between the two cultures had gone on too long. There was a need to speak with a united voice, he said. It would not be practical for all Scottish Office documents to be issued in Gaelic, but some of them should be. Nor would he oppose bilingual signposts.

Whaling states prepare to haul in harpoons as curbs tighten

By John Ardill, Environment Correspondent

Plans by the three main whaling nations to continue commercial exploitation of dwindling stocks have been curtailed by action taken at the International Whaling Commission meeting, which ended in Bournemouth yesterday.

Japan, Norway and the USSR remain formally opposed to the international moratorium which comes into effect this autumn but are expected to end whaling within the next two or three years.

Norway will be immediately affected by the decision to classify the North Atlantic minke whale as protected stock. Its delegation tried unsuccessfully to get the move deferred until a report by Norwegian scientists is completed later this year.

Japan's whaling will be curbed by the decision to classify the western north pacific stock of sperm whale as protected after the next two seasons, during which its fleets will be free to take 400 whales a year.

Russia announced at the conference that it was halting commercial whaling in the Antarctic from the 1987 season "for technical reasons."

Yesterday's vote on the North Atlantic minke whale was opposed by Iceland whose plans, with South Korea, to continue whaling for "scientific purposes" alarmed conservationists. They have circulated copies of a contract between the Icelandic Government's Marine Research Institute and a leading fishery company, Ryvur Ltd, for two ships to kill 80 fin and 40 sei whale annually over the next four years.

The contract makes it clear that after scientific study the whales are to be processed and sold for human consumption to offset costs. Conservation groups say the agreement was signed on May 24, several weeks before the IWC scientific committee met to consider Iceland's plans.

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Riot trial of miners goes ahead

By Martin Pithers

A trial of miners on riot charges is to go ahead in Sheffield on Monday as planned. The decision was announced after discussions between senior police officers and the county prosecuting solicitor's office ended in Sheffield yesterday. The trial involves miners at Roesington.

At least eight men have been charged with riot and unlawful assembly relating to incidents in Roesington during the coal dispute.

On Wednesday the Crown withdrew from a trial of 14 miners in Sheffield who were accused of rioting at the Orgreave coking plant on June 18 last year. The trial lasted 49 days.

No announcement was made yesterday about the position of another 40 miners who are also awaiting trial of riot charges after disturbances at Orgreave. It is understood that further talks between the police and prosecuting solicitors are to be held.

The Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, Mr Peter Wright, and other senior officers are known to be considering whether action should be taken against any police officer who gave evidence at the abandoned trial.

Mr Wright said he hoped that publicity about the solicited trial would stop customers drinking it. So far no one has reported ill effects to him, he said. "Everyone who has drunk it says that it is a marvelous drink," he said.

The Ministry of Agriculture has advised all wholesalers and retailers to suspend sales of all Austrian wine. The label on the contaminated wine describes it as Burgundian St Georges Spätlese, 1982. It is clearly marked with the words Österreich, and Produce of Austria.

Dr Georg Schramel, deputy commissioner of the Austrian Trade Commission, said it was not a brand directly imported by any of the reputable shippers of Austrian wine.

In April an Austrian analyst testing wine from a small number of companies, found it to be adulterated with diethylene glycol for added sweetness. None had been sold

Oxfam income at £51m as public responds to famine in Africa

By Michael Simmons

Public response in Britain to the famine in Africa has more than doubled Oxfam's income in the past 12 months. The charity's annual review, published today, shows a record income of more than £51 million in 1984-85, compared with less than £24 million the year before.

But the nature of the famine, particularly in Ethiopia and Sudan, means that an unprecedented proportion of the aid budget — almost 70 per cent — has had to be spent on disaster relief. Even so, the overall increase in income made more money available for long-term development projects.

Today's annual meeting sees the end of Mr Guy Stringer's 16-years with the organisation. He leaves as director, a post he has held for the past two years, and is succeeded by Mr Frank Judd, formerly director of Voluntary Service Overseas and a former Labour minister.

Other leading charities also report hugely increased donations during the last financial year as a result of the campaigns to relieve famine in Africa.

Way on Want reports donations up from £1.6 million in 1983-84 to £9.25 million in the year to April. "Our general donations are increasing because of the Ethiopian crisis heading the news," a spokesman said.

Labour
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By Michael Morris
Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday defended the controversial incentive scheme for the first time, saying it was the only way to stem the tide of unemployment.

He described the scheme as a "vital" part of the Government's strategy to create jobs. He said the scheme was designed to encourage investment in new businesses and to provide training for the unemployed.

Mr Tebbit, speaking in the House of Commons, said the Government was committed to creating 250,000 new jobs by 1990. He said the incentive scheme was a key part of this strategy.

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HOME NEWS

Cardinal starts Ulster row over bigotry

From Paul Johnson in Belfast
Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich, the Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland, provoked a row last night in Northern Ireland by attacking what he called the bigotry of Protestants.

He also repeated his opinion in an interview with the Catholic newspaper, The Universe, that Catholics were alienated from the state in the North and that the British should withdraw.

I think 80 per cent of the religious bigotry is to be found among Protestants, he said, citing the case of the Rev David Armstrong, the Presbyterian minister who left Northern Ireland after hostility from his congregation over his links with Roman Catholics.

Dr O Fiaich called the IRA "cruel and ruthless" but said it did not kill Protestants as Protestants.

They are killing many members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the Ulster Defence Regiment and so on, who happen to be Northern Protestants, he said. But they are killing them because they are members of the security forces, not because they are Protestants.

Dr O Fiaich said that he did not accept that the majority of those who voted for Sinn Féin had voted for violence.



ANCIENT AND MODERN: Soldiers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers practice using a poleaxe and long bow yesterday for a re-enactment of Henry Tudor's march from Dale in Dyfed to the battlefield at Bosworth Field, Leicestershire, in 1485. Ten fusiliers, equipped with weapons of the time, will form part of Henry's 30-strong bodyguard on the 16-day march starting on August 7.

Rebel council staff face dismissal, says auditor

By Alan Dunn
Most of the Liverpool city council's 30,000 staff face dismissal in 12 weeks unless urgent steps are taken to tackle the projected budget deficit of £117 million, the District Auditor warned yesterday.

The alternative, said Mr Tim McMahon, was for someone to challenge the council's 9 per cent rate in the courts — a course recommended this week by the city's church leaders. A new rate, sufficient to meet costs, could then be set.

Mr McMahon made his comments in a report in the Public Interest, in which he says that the consequences of failing to take action quickly "are so extreme that I would not wish to make any further comment."

The council could continue spending until the money ran out, with all the consequences on services, or make cuts. The Labour-led council has already agreed to protect emergency services and staff pay, while all other services are being cut.

Race bias of Welsh language barrier

By Tony Heath
A COUNCIL was guilty of discrimination under the Race Relations Act in rejecting two women for jobs because they did not speak Welsh, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday.

Mr John Hamilton, the council leader, said that he hoped Mr McMahon was now convinced that the council was not an irresponsible group, but were taking an intelligent and principled view of a serious problem.

Some of the jobs were filled by Welsh speakers with lower qualifications, the tribunal at Colwyn Bay, North Wales, was told during a five-day hearing.

Mr Jones, who made five job applications, and Miss Doyle, who made four, had worked for 12 months at a council centre for handicapped people under a Management Services Commission scheme.

Witnesses asked to aid Britons in Heysel case

From Derek Brown in Brussels
Belgian lawyers yesterday appealed for key witnesses from England to give evidence from two men accused here of theft at the Heysel football stadium on the night of the European Cup final disaster.

They believe that the witnesses could clear George Davies, aged 34, and John Awork, aged 30, who face jail sentences of up to five years for allegedly stealing a wallet containing 10,800 Belgian francs (around £135) outside the stadium.

The lawyers' appeal came as another British fan, David Benton, aged 19, was sentenced to eight months in prison after being convicted of trying to steal a girlfriend's pistol.

A policeman had told the court that the youth placed three fingers and a thumb on the gun before the start of the Liverpool-Juventus game, but Benton claimed he had been pushed against the officer.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince stays in custody

PRINCE Mashour Ben Saud Abdul Aziz, son of the late King Saud of Saudi Arabia, appeared at Marylebone court London yesterday, after spending six days on remand in Brixton prison, and was remanded in custody for a further six days. He is accused of conspiring to supply cocaine.

Asian Tories seek election inquiry

MEMBERS of 25 of the 33 branches of the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society have formed an action group to press for an inquiry into the society's elections two weeks ago when about 300 Sikhs packed the annual meeting and elected their candidate, Major Narinder Saroop, as chairman.

Mary Rose upright again

HENRY VIII's warship Mary Rose was rotated the final 10 degrees into an upright position yesterday from the 60 degree angle at which she lay for four centuries on the Solent seabed.

Animal raiders avoid rabies risk

ANIMAL rights activists broke into an Oxfordshire research farm for the second time yesterday, releasing four dogs. The raid came 10 days after activists broke into Park Farm animal breeding research centre, Northampton, exposing themselves to rabies and the fatal Simian herpes virus. This time there was no break-in at the quarantine unit.

Computer chief cheated council

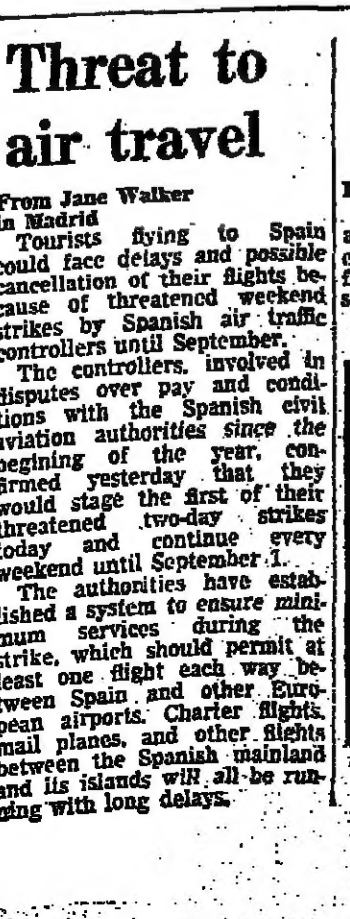
A COUNCIL's computer expert created fictitious bank accounts to defraud his employers and cost ratepayers more than £50,000, a court was told yesterday.

Actor in peace protest gaoled

ACTOR Simon Cowell-Parker, who played Simon Brett in the TV series, Late Starter, was gaoled for 14 days yesterday for refusing to pay a fine imposed after he pulled up fencing at the Moleworth peace camp.

Bird brains

The headmaster of Kempford Primary School near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, has agreed to a pupils' request not to ring the school bell until a family of pigeons has left it.



Government chief whip John Wakeham, whose wife Roberta was seriously injured, remarried in London yesterday. Mr Wakeham kisses his bride, his secretary Alison Ward, aged 35, before joining a reception for them at 10 Downing Street.

CRE asks colleges to hire more blacks

By Our Education Editor
Colleges of further education should employ more teachers and administrative staff from ethnic minorities, the Commission for Racial Equality claims in a policy document.

Further Education in a Multi-Racial Society advocates positive action by the Department of Education, local educational authorities, and colleges to "accelerate the progress of ethnic minorities towards an equal distribution of the opportunities in society."

Tory fight for defence contracts

By Colin Brown
Defence ministers will be put under intense pressure next week by Tory backbench MPs to salvage British contracts from the five nation project for a European fighter aircraft which is on the verge of collapse.

The future of the ESA project may hang on the outcome of a meeting of defence officials in Madrid on Tuesday and it is believed that the issue will be resolved within the next two weeks.

Threat to air travel

From Jane Walker in Madrid
Tourists flying to Spain could face delays and possible cancellation of their flights because of threatened weekend strikes by Spanish air traffic controllers until September.

The controllers, involved in disputes over pay and conditions with the Spanish civil aviation authorities since the beginning of the year, confirmed yesterday that they would stage the first of their threatened two-day strikes today and continue every weekend until September 1.

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'Serious talks' with Britain on technology

President's adviser detects Soviet shift on SDI initiative

As President Reagan prepares to return to the White House, a fresh hope has emerged of productive arms talks with the Soviet Union, based on a "broad" reduction in strategic weapons. Meanwhile, the US will press ahead with the Strategic Defence Initiative.

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The National Security Adviser said yesterday that the Soviet Union had shown a willingness to listen to the US views on Star Wars defences during the recent round of arms control talks in Geneva. Speaking at a White House press conference immediately after meeting Mr Reagan at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Mr Robert McFarlane said that the President hoped that Moscow's willingness to listen on Star Wars together with its new "broad concept" on reduction of strategic weapons, might lead to a more productive third round of talks.

Discussion of Star Wars is expected to be high on the agenda next week in Washington during visits by the British Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, and the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher. US and British officials are expected to lead in "serious talks" which could lead to Britain getting early access to some of the technology from the Strategic Defence Initiative.

There are no formal agreements expected to be signed next week, the United Kingdom hopes to receive contracts relating to the development of computer software and laser systems for the SDI. According to some reports, the British will be the first of the allied governments to become involved directly in SDI work and as a result will be given the most advanced information on the development of the system.

The US is apparently determined to press ahead with SDI



Mr McFarlane: 'SDI is the moral way to go'

despite the Russian effort in Geneva to hold progress on strategic and intermediate range systems "hostage" to the SDI. But Mr McFarlane said yesterday that the Russians at least gave the American negotiators a hearing during the second round on the US view that a transition from offensive to defensive systems would be the best way for both superpowers to go.

Mr McFarlane argued that SDI was the "moral" way to go because it defended against nuclear weapons and did not seek to destroy property or life, only incoming missiles. He also noted that it was unfair for the Russians to seek a ban on American research and testing when they had their own research programme and an anti-ballistic missile system in place around Moscow.

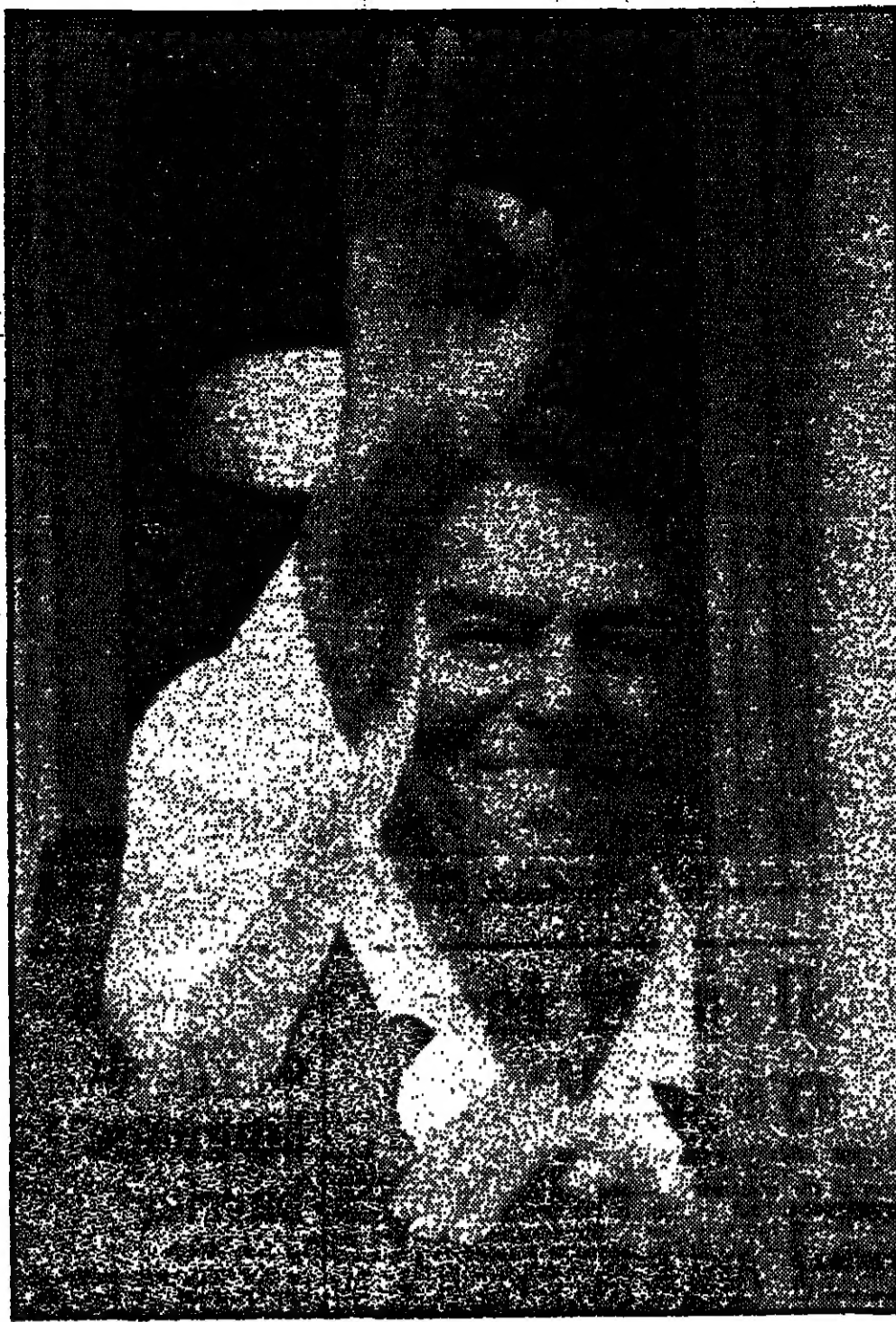
During his session with reporters yesterday, Mr McFarlane described as "misleading" the leak of an intelligence report which shows the Soviet Union's SS-19 missile to be the less of a threat than believed because of its inaccuracy.

Earlier more threatening intelligence concerns about the SS-19 were among the reasons why successive administrations have sought the development of the MX-intercontinental missile and have continuously striven to eliminate the Russian advantage in land-based missiles in arms control talks.

Mr McFarlane pointed out yesterday that the reports were misleading because they put too much emphasis on the importance of the SS-19. He noted that there were 3,000 warheads deployed on the SS-19 Russian missiles and that the Soviet Union was in the process of introducing two new missiles — the SS-24 and SS-25.

Mr McFarlane said that the area where Moscow's position appeared to be evolving most in Geneva was strategic arms. He said that the US "has probed the Soviets on this broad concept" of strategic arms reductions "and (we) shall continue to do so as to ascertain whether it provides any basis for making progress in the next round."

He said that despite warnings from the Russian leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, that the Russians may "rock in their marble in Geneva," the US negotiators had been given no such indication. The US expected the third round of talks to be planned and hoped for a further change in Moscow's position.



A-O-KAY: President Reagan salutes onlookers from his hospital room yesterday

Reagan expects to return to the White House today

Appointment of new Budget Director tightens Regan's grip

From Alex Brummer in Washington

AFTER a regal wave to the American public from the window of his hospital suite in Bethesda, President Reagan has decided that enough is enough and expects to return to the White House today, just a week after his cancer operation.

His last known decision from his hospital room was to approve the appointment of Mr James Miller, a conservative economist, as his new Budget Director in place of Mr David Stockman, who is departing for Wall Street. Mr Miller was recommended to the President by his Chief of Staff Mr Donald Regan, who no doubt hopes to tighten his grip on policy-making through the appointment.

The country has been able to monitor Mr Reagan's recovery by keeping a careful eye on his diet. In the past three days, he has gone from the lollipops and jelly of the nursery, through the rubber chicken and rice of speaking tour fame, to the

supper favourites of fresh papaya and whole wheat toast for breakfast yesterday morning.

Mr Reagan may not yet be ready to climb back on horseback, but according to his Press Secretary, Mr Larry Speakes, he is all but ready to take part in a marathon. "He's fast returning to championship form," Mr Speakes said.

The President has been so anxious to discuss policy that in the absence of advisers, he decided to steer clear by the first lady, he has been holding the doctors and nurses with inside Washington stories. "He has been holding forth with the doctors and nurses in his suite in an animated discussion of current issues," the White House said. He was said to be "eager to get back on the job."

While he has been away, Mr Donald Regan has been carrying on for him. Mr Miller, who comes to the White House from the Federal Trade Commission, is seen by Mr Regan as the

ideal man for Budget Director because he clearly lacks the independence of his predecessor.

On the other hand, few people are likely to envy Mr Miller. As Budget Director, he inherits Mr Reagan's most intractable problem, the \$800 billion budget deficit, the hostility of both houses of Congress which believe they have been politically jerked around by the White House, and most government departments which are being cut by the President's budget plans.

While early photographs of Mr Reagan back at the White House are expected, the first full glimpse of him at work will come on the south lawn on Tuesday when Mr Reagan will personally greet the Chinese President, Mr Li Xiannian.

Mrs Reagan, who is anxious that her 74-year-old husband should not be tired too quickly, has ordered that he skip the receiving line at the state banquet and instead turn up for the toasts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libyans in Bonn siege

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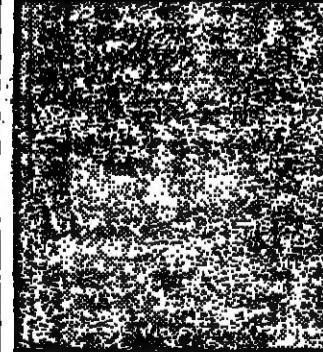
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A FORMER Pakistani leader's son, Shahnawaz Khan Bhutto, has been found dead in Cannes, France. Police said yesterday that there were no signs of foul play.

Rebels meet

THE SON of Iran's late Shah, Reza Pahlavi, met the former prime minister, Dr Shapur Bakhtiar, and other exile leaders in Paris last week. An opposition spokesman said the meetings were part of a campaign against Ayatollah Khomeini's regime.

In business

PORTUGAL'S new political party, the Democratic Renewal Party, has been formally recognised, the state bulletin said yesterday. The party was set up by supporters of the President, Mr Antonio Ramalho Eanes.

Briton appeals

BRITISH sailor, Robert Heaton, will appeal against his 10-year prison sentence for starting a fire aboard a freighter, his lawyer said yesterday in Taipei. The fire killed three people.

Sentence delayed

A SYDNEY court yesterday delayed passing sentence on the former Labour attorney-general, Mr Lionel Murphy, while legal questions were referred to Australia's highest court. He has been found guilty of attempting to pervert the course of justice.

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SPD will boycott anti-Nazi ceremony

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

THE SOCIAL Democrats, and relatives of people who died in the German resistance to the Nazis, will boycott today's traditional commemoration of the unsuccessful plot of July 20, 1944, against Hitler because of the presence of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Cabinet.

They object to the presence of Mr Helmut Geissler, the Christian Democrat Health Minister and CDU Secretary-General, who will be the main speaker at the ceremony. A memorial in West Berlin where the July 20 plotters were executed. They say he has shown intolerance towards political opponents.

The minister, in an attack on the resistance movement in 1983, said in the Bundestag that it was the pacifism of the 1930s that had made Auschwitz and Nazi rule possible — a remark that provoked a storm of criticism and, in the opinion of the protesters, made him an unsuitable speaker at the ceremony.

"Jews, Communists, Social Democrats, Christians, and pacifists were among those persecuted by the Nazis at Plötzensee," and Mr Geissler therefore has no right to speak there," said a protest signed by three organisations representing victims and relatives of those persecuted by the Nazis.

Among those who signed the protest are relatives of the officers who were hanged at Plötzensee, but the family of the leader of the conspiracy, Graf Schenk von Stauffenberg, are expected to attend the official ceremony.

Mr Geissler, invited by the ruling Christian Democrats in West Berlin and backed by Chancellor Kohl, reiterated yesterday that he would deliver his speech, because his party shared the tradition of the July 20 men. He rejected the "slandorous attack" on him by some "leftwing Social Democrats who were in league with openly Communist groups."

The controversy underlines the difficulty Germans still have today in appreciating the anti-Nazi resistance and their inability to keep it out of party politics.

An opinion poll published on today's forty-first anniversary of the Stauffenberg plot showed that 60 per cent of Germans today thought well of those who opposed Hitler in the 1940s, compared with only 29 per cent in 1964.

Meanwhile, the Bonn public prosecutor announced that investigations on murder charges before a parliamentary inquiry last year that he accepted large sums of money from the industrial Flick concern in return for stepping aside in favour of Dr Kohl in 1972.

The public prosecutor said yesterday that the new investigations centred on possible tax evasion by Mr Barzel on funds given to the CDU "from various sources."

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At the Commission's request, a top-level meeting is to be held at the end of October to review the new programme, and to assess its effects on the EEC. Previous programmes to reduce import tariffs, simplify standards and certification procedures, and liberalise access to Japanese financial markets have seemed in Europe to favour trade relations with the United States.

Mr Delors said yesterday that the October meeting would be a test of Japanese resolve.

Mr Delors, who is to visit Tokyo in January, said after his talks with Mr Nakasone that the EEC wants Japan to meet targets for imports of manufactured goods and processed agricultural products. But the Japanese spokesman said that there had been no formal agreement on this in the Brussels talks. He said that the October meeting would serve to judge progress, and he expected the EEC to have "extra requests" to make.

On the EEC side, there was evident faith in Mr Nakasone's efforts to adjust Japanese purchasing habits towards imported European goods.

Several times in his account of the meeting, Mr Delors stressed that Japan should develop its economy to allow Europe to promote its own growth and reduce unemployment.

Optimism on trade with Japan

From Alex Scott in Brussels

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How Mexico's top party keeps itself firmly in the saddle

From Peter Chapman in Mexico City

The results of this month's elections in Mexico—billed as the most important in the country in the past half century—show a landslide victory for the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (the PRI), despite predictions that it might face its first big electoral defeat in 56 years of power.

It picked up all seven state governorships on offer—very important positions in the Mexican system—and 291 of the 500 seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

How does the PRI continue to do it? Its methods have been shown to be various, and to range from the fraudulent to the questionable depending on your interpretation. At the more legitimate end of the scale, it simply steamrollered its opponents out of the way.

Critics and supporters of the party alike use the term "alchemy" to describe how the PRI always manages some way to conjure up success. There is however, not a great deal of mystery in the process. The PRI operates some sophisticated ballot techniques—

involving the switching of ballot boxes somewhere between the polling station and counting house—but it is not beyond being caught out, despite more than half a century of refining its methods.

Journalists in Hermosillo, the capital of the northern order state of Sonora, where the opposition National Action Party (PAN) was thought to have a good chance of winning the governorship, hunted down a taxi carrying several unsealed ballot boxes full of votes around the city well before polls were even lining up.

People were even lining up a vote more than once, with many names reappearing many

Military reprisal threat to Managua

From Tony Jenkins in Managua

Tens of thousands of people paraded yesterday in Managua to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the overthrow of General Anastasio Somoza.

The event was overshadowed by a threat from the US to take military reprisals against Nicaragua for terrorist acts in which it suspects Sandinista involvement.

The threat came in a Note from the US Ambassador, Mr Larry Bergold, who left for Washington on Thursday. Officially he was leaving for "an early vacation," but one diplomatic source said he was recalled for consultations "as a deliberate snub before the anniversary."

In the Note, Mr Bergold accused the Sandinistas of supporting the FRLC, a revolutionary group in El Salvador which claimed responsibility for an attack last month in which six Americans died.

The United States also warned the Sandinistas that it has intelligence information indicating that a campaign of terrorist attacks against US personnel in Honduras is being planned with Nicaraguan help.

"The patience of the people and Government of the United States is being worn out... We think it extremely important that the Government of Nicaragua understand clearly and completely that any terrorist attack against US personnel in Honduras supported by Nicaragua would be considered the responsibility of the Government of Nicaragua, and that it will count on an appropriate reaction from the United States."

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by Denis Thorpe

The herd is the original pure breed, never having been crossed with domestic cattle. They are the direct descendants of the animals which roamed freely over the country through the extensive forests until a group were cornered at Chillingham in 1516. Since that time, however, their life-style has changed little since then. The park escaped the agricultural revolution of the last few centuries, and the habitat is ideal for their welfare. They have been inbreeding all these years, and have never been known to have other than pure white calves.

There is a kingship regime. The strongest bull becomes king and the least of the herd and sires all the calves during his reign. This is often a cruelly earned title, the rival I was being privy to



One law for the rich — and none in these circumstances for the poor

He had come to see me because he was having problems with an employee who was the warden at the sheltered housing. His most serious accusations were that the warden had stolen money from elderly people on the estate and taken food from the kitchen store. In addition, the secretary said, the warden was untrustworthy, lazy and inefficient. Although the warden's duties were not onerous, they included responsibility for the routine maintenance of the houses and flats and the gardens around the estate, and he consistently failed to fulfil them properly.

Whilst these bare facts were

For in any practical sense the warden was excluded from the proceedings. He sat by himself and obviously had no very clear idea of what was going on. He shook with nerves and had to clear his throat each time he spoke. The judge decided he would suspend any decision on the possession order until the hearing of the case before the industrial tribunal as he felt

The secretary smiled, yes so much had been done recently to straighten the place up after the warden's neglect. The secretary explained that the old folks were nice old souls and unwilling to say anything nasty about anyone. Anyway they were confused, most of them, their memories had gone. Maybe so. The fact remained they resolutely refused to appear as witnesses for us against the warden. I began to get that dreadful feeling that most lawyers get at some stage in their preparation of a case: that some

The Christmas fund was run by the warden for the elderly people on the estate. They paid tiny amounts each week and the warden kept records of who paid what. Then at Christmas they drew it out. As so many of them were infirm or disabled, the warden was trustee and a signatory of the account, and he always made the deposits and withdrawals as the building society was in the nearest town, some ten miles away. It was from this account that he borrowed the money.

I spoke to the warden beforehand, gave him a indexed bundle of the documents we intended to refer to at the hearing. I explained the procedure. He was capable of speech—just—and was pathetically and humbly grateful—his main fault: one might say, such as he had one, all along.

The warden's dismissal of the grounds of misconduct was upheld amid sonorous pronouncements by the tribunal about breach of trust and the employee's duty to his employer, and the high-minded sentiments. The secretary smiled, he positively beamed, he even rubbed his hands together. The barrister and I could not look at each other, we couldn't bear to let the session end and went too sickened to look at the warden. We shuffled our papers together, the barrister scribbled the result on the brief. I stuffed it in my briefcase and he rubbed perfume on the neck and pressed a small to the nearest public room for a stiff drink the barrister remarked that it was one

So now the warden has a job, nowhere to live, and no furniture. When I last heard the warden's grown-up son had disappeared. The warden's wife was living with relatives and the warden was in a hostel for single homeless men.

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WEEKEND

SPORT

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David Davies reports from Royal St George's

Fair wind for Lyle, Graham

THE OPEN '85

THE SQUALLS stopped, the sun shone, the wind subsided just sufficiently, and Sandy Lyle and David Graham were left literally high and dry, the early leaders after the second round of the Open Championship at Royal St George's.

Such is the luck of a draw that spreads players throughout a long, long day. The first men off yesterday left the tee at 7.30 am, the last at 4.35 pm, and probably the first two-thirds of the field had their Open chances drastically affected. Some were blown to oblivion, like Jack Nicklaus and Ken Brown; others, like Severiano Ballesteros and Gary Player, scraped into a cut that sliced down at the remarkably high figure of 149, nine over par.

It had been a tempestuous day until dusk set in round about 5 pm, enabling Lyle and Graham to play their closing holes in relative peace and temporary prosperity. The howling southerly that had earlier made holes like the 17th, 425 yards long, needful of two driver shots now became, for Graham, a drive and an eight-iron.

The absence of wind removed much of the sting from the course, quite apart from shortening it. Players were able to shape their shots confidently, secure in the knowledge that their ball would not be blown into the waist-high rough, where finding it was frequently a fluke.

All day long the par-five 14th had been out of reach in two, and even someone as long as Bernhard Langer had needed a drive, a one-iron and a seven-iron to cover its 508 yards. But by the time Lyle reached that tee he realised that it would be possible for him to get up in two.

The fact that he took six still ranked with him some hours later, as he reflected on a hooked drive and three

more shots before he reached the putting surface.

Several other players took advantage of the calmer conditions. Tony Johnstone shot 71 to finish on level par, and two others joined him one shot behind the leading pair: Christy O'Connor Junior, the overnight leader and D. A. Weir.

On Thursday, O'Connor had conjured seven successive birdies and a record-breaking score of 64. Yesterday there seemed to be nothing left, and his outward halves for the first two rounds resembled a tennis score: 30-40.

The Irishman dropped five shots on the outward half yesterday, having had only one birdie, and there was only one more to come on the back nine. Nevertheless, at level par he is still in a good position — something that can be said for almost all the qualifiers. Only 10 birds over the field, and that, over two rounds, is hardly an insuperable margin.

Lyle played the entire last nine without the trials that had beset the earlier competitors. But it was still blowing when he set out, and he immediately dissipated two shots at the opening hole. His second plugged in to a bunker, he failed to get out

the first time, and then missed from 12 feet.

At the short third he pulled a three-iron left of the green to drop his third shot in a many holes, and confessed to "not feeling too clever", especially

as he had the fourth still to come. This is a hole of 470 yards and Lyle, one of the longest hitters in the world, needed his best drive and best one-iron to get anywhere near.

The ball actually approached the top of the ridge in the middle of the green, and had it crested the rise would have finished no more than 100 yards. But instead it trickled back, coming to rest almost 50 yards away.

Lyle proceeded to hit a weak first putt which left him some 24 feet short of the hole, but to his obvious delight he then holed for his par.

"That," he said, "kept the morale going," and to prove it he had three birdies before the turn. At the sixth he holed from eight feet, he was on the long seventh, 329 yards, with a three-wood and a six-iron, and at the ninth holed from 10 feet.

I felt pretty pleased with myself," he said, "after that start." But he went on to make a mess of the 14th, to

miss from 13 feet for a birdie at the 17th and then, after two immaculately-struck shots at the 18th (a driver and a four-iron), he hit the hole with a 10-foot putt for what would have been the outright lead at the time.

Graham said of the 14th: "I was very very lucky." He said of the 18th: "I was exceptionally lucky," and he said of the eighth: "That was unquestionably my best hole."

To take the fortuitous bits first. At the 14th he drove into the rough on the left, where he was, he said, lucky to see the ball, let alone hit it. His first attempt caused it to travel no more than 15 yards, and his second was still short of the Suez Canal which runs right across the fairway. It left him with a one-iron to the green, which he hit 215 yards, and then he holed a 30-foot putt for his par.

At the 18th Graham drove into the rough again, recovered into a bunker, and hit a poor shot out of the sand. But he holed another long shot this time of 20 feet, for his par.

There was not a trace of luck about his success at the eighth. He hit a drive and two-iron. "Both exactly right," on to the green, and the two putts he took for his par left him feeling a fulfilled man.

Of the several men lying in wait in this Championship, Langer at one over par seems to be possibly the most dangerous. He was round in 69 at a time when the weather was doing its worst, and looked hugely impressive.

When he came in he was like the Bavarian equivalent of the Cheshire Cat, with a grin that threatened to consume him. He said: "I feel very pleased with myself and my game; despite the conditions I managed to keep my rhythm, and technically there's not much wrong with me."

"Those were the hardest Open Championship conditions I have ever played in: it was raining, it was windy and it was so cold that the ball would not go anywhere. I just have to keep on concentrating now and I



THE ONE TO WATCH: Bernhard Langer lies only two shots behind the joint leaders. Pictures by Don McPhee

think I can win this Open; in fact, I am quite confident about it." The leader board has a distinctly non-American look about it, with only D. A. Weir being up there on level

par. One stroke behind him is Howard Clark, who is closer to the lead in an Open than he has been since 1878 at St Andrews, when he reckoned he led for 10 minutes on the second day.



John Rodda at Crystal Palace

A cruise for Coe—but without Cruz

ATHLETICS

SEBASTIAN COE, winner of two Olympic Gold medals at 1500 metres, showed his love and affection for 800 metres when he turned on the speed in the second lap at the Peugeot Talbot Grand Prix meeting at Crystal Palace last night to win in 1 min 44.34 secs, the third fastest time in the world this year.

Unhappily the contest which had emerged less than 12 hours before the race against Joachim Cruz of Brazil, the Olympic 800 metres champion, did not occur with Cruz withdrawing from a contest which he had not expected anyway.

Coe almost countered through the first lap and at one point, after the first 200 metres, was back in last position. He moved forward to get in behind Jose-Luis Barbosa of Brazil and John Marshall, the danger man of the race, with a time of 1 min 44.53 secs to his credit this summer, and followed them down the back straight.

Barbosa clearly was fading for the clearly of the field began to close and Coe turned back briefly to ensure that they were not coming too quickly and so engulf him in a boxed position. Into the straight there was plenty of space in which to manoeuvre and when once he touched the accelerator he flew by the two men in front of him and took more than enough for a winning lead. Then he turned off the lead, then he got into the final five metres. It looked excitingly ominous for his trip to Oslo next weekend and the Dream Mile where he is due to face Steve Cram.

The game of musical chairs, with athletes moving from one event to another, continued up to the start of the meeting when it was announced that Cruz would not be taking part in the race against Coe. This took on more serious connotations when the British Promotions Unit officer Andy Norman, announced that Cruz and the other Brazilians had had their invitations withdrawn to compete in Edinburgh next Tuesday and at the meeting in Oslo next Saturday. Sven Arnie Hansen, the Norwegian promoter, confirmed that he was supporting Norman.

the AAA Championships which was part of the agreement and we accepted that, although in fact Cruz did turn up in Paris and ran on the same day as the championships.

Cruz had offered to run in the 1,000 metres today but Norman declined to accept this compromise. Bearing in mind that the Brazilians do not appear to have been very helpful visitors, and that they are part of a financial agreement, it is unreasonable for an Olympic champion in the present commercial tenor of athletics to find that on the morning of his race that the world record holder, who is also the fastest man this year, has suddenly been added to the field.

Even in the amateur days of amateur athletics, that would have been unreasonable, and would probably have brought a more boisterous protest from someone like Cruz. To dismiss the athlete and other members of his party, seems on the face of it unfair, at least until the full story of the negotiations and the terms of the agreement have been revealed.

Norman said that Cruz came to the 800 metres in this country without any preconditions. In this instance, the public have not been unfairly treated because Cruz v. Coe was not advertised for this meeting until yesterday, by which time, all but a couple of hundred tickets remained to be sold.

It does indicate, however, that the present arrangement of "gentlemen's agreements" might not prove satisfactory if the sport is to avoid being blemished more than one would normally expect when money becomes a significant and legal involvement. Coe moved to the 800 metres because Cram had decided that he did not want to race him in the 1,500 after his performance in Nice on Tuesday, a quite understandable attitude bearing in mind the mental plunge which an athlete suffers after a performance like the one Cram achieved. He will, however, run tonight in a mile which will be at least a token appearance to celebrate his world record. With two such distinguished 1,500 metres runners as Coe and Cram absent it was difficult to rouse excitement in spite of the fact that James May of the US pulled the race out with a lap of 57 seconds, reaching 1,200 metres in 2 min 58.96.

Seve's bogey blight

IT was a day to grind it out. Severiano Ballesteros, five over par overnight, needed to get round Royal St George's in the second round to roughly 68 and he would be right back in position to defend his title. Instead he finished with four consecutive bogeys, took 74 and is 10 strokes off the lead.

Ballesteros's first requirement was half a sale, so that the rest of the field would be blown back to him, and that he got. The second requirement was for him to play well and for the putts to fall, and that they did not. He had five reasonable birdie chances in the first seven holes and got only one of them, and with the hard holes of the back nine looming he had not got the insurance against bogeys that he needed.

Sure enough, came the 10th with its elevated green, guarded by cavernous bunkers either side, and the wind scudding across from Dover to Ramsgate, he had to play a scintillatingly difficult second. From the right side of the fairway he had to hit the ball straight at the left



BALLESTEROS: off putting

hand bunkers, and fade into the wind, or attempt to go straight at the pin and depend on extreme accuracy. He found, instead, the right hand bunkers and took a bogey five. The third, according to the Old Carthusian Golf Society wind speed scale in the clubhouse, was measuring 25 miles per hour and now it acquired rain as well, turning brooding into spitting storms of a road map of spaghetti junction. Ballesteros, unhappy, was talking only to his caddy. The birdie offered by the short par-four 11th was squashed when a 50-yard chip finished 12 feet short, and by now the swing looked to be a little faster, the grip, no doubt, tighter. The shots began to spill and for once Seve's putter could not rescue him. "I hit many good putts," he said afterwards "but they never find the hole."

David Davies

Nicklaus a little cut up

JACK NICKLAUS has never accepted personal defeat lightly, and missing the cut yesterday at Royal St George's was unquestionably personal defeat. In 24 Opens he had never missed it before. He did not rush to the press tent.

"Let them come to me, if they want to talk to me," he said after adding a 75 to his 77 and the world's Press crowded into the locker-room with club members to fire questions at the man who has won 19 major titles and three British Open victories.

Earlier this year Nicklaus missed the cut in the US Open but he came to Sandwich with high hopes after finishing second a week previously in the Canadian Open.

Yesterday he was naturally depressed with his performance, admitting to playing "some dumb stuff" in the first round and "a whole damned round of bizarre shots" in the second. The time he spent over putts, he said, was a disadvantage in the gale-force winds he experienced yesterday.

By now the course had become "his least favourite." His preference is for Muirfield and St Andrews — he has won once at the former and twice at the latter — then Turnberry and



NICKLAUS... depressed

Troon. After that he worked his way down through England and could not resist noting that Sandwich is the furthest point South. He parried a question about his 45 years by saying that single-mindedness is what counts. "What you're willing to give up to achieve your goals is different when you get to physical problems," Nicklaus said, saying that an operation on his cartilage last November had prevented him from running for eight months and that he had lost strength in his legs.

Nicklaus has entered the forthcoming Western Open and PGA to try to make the Ryder Cup team which comes to the Belfry in September. He is currently 18th on the list and feels in contention, reckoning that victory in either event would gain him a place. He also intends to be at Turnberry for next year's Open.

Liz Kahn

Frank Keating watches Nick Faldo and Tony Jacklin fight their way through the rain

An early morning blow-out

THE WINDS were up earlier than anyone and as the first-time foreigners made for the tee with their caddies bent double into the teeth of the gale Mike aged crones, they knew now that the ancient game of British link golf was at a history that cracked it up to be great. I was blown back home to lunch with Faldo's party. He looked out of sorts and more grumpy than usual — never at peace with his game and

at any waiting hub, just moonily practising, protising his new swing, checking the cock of his wrist and screw of his thumb four or five times a minute. Britain's most publicised current player met only a few desultory cheers when he arrived at the half empty great. Measured amphitheatre of the 18th, lamely missed an easy penalty putt and then went straight from the scoring hut

to be driven away in his large blue Mercedes with its personalised number plate 999 NAF. The once and former folk hero favourite, Tony Jacklin, followed Faldo up the 18th within a few minutes — having many more shots in his locker but also, it seemed to me, many more faithful fans in his wake wishing him well. There were more raucous and affectionate cheers as

the stocky little ex-champion hit the 18th green — and afterwards his way was far more cheerily barred by autograph hunters. Then Jacklin changed and reverted to being Europe's Ryder Cup captain, with the gift of giving Faldo one of the unearned places in the team of 12. But Jacklin still thinks Faldo — though not this year — has the mental capacity and capability of winning an Open very soon."

SECOND ROUND SCORES

139 D. Graham (Aus) 68, 71. S. Lyle 68, 71.	140 D. O'Connor (Ire) 70, 70; D. Weir (US) 69, 71; T. Johnstone (Zim) 68, 72. 141 P. Senior (Aus) 71, 70; R. Lee 68, 73. 142 R. Langer (W Ger) 72, 69. 143 D. Clark 70, 72. 144 W. Riley (Aus) 71, 70; I. Woosnam 70, 72.	142 M. Niemi (US) 70, 72. 143 G. Burrell (Ire) 69, 73. 144 D. Whelan 69, 74. 145 G. Paine (US) 70, 72; A. Ross (US) 72, 70. 146 D. Barty 70, 68; M. Piersen (Swe) 70, 72. 147 P. Senior (Aus) 71, 70; M. Piersen 68, 73. 148 J. Matthews 70, 72; D. Williams 74, 72. 149 T. M. Riley (US) 71, 70; P. Zenger (US) 69, 73. 150 P. Senior (US) 70, 72. 151 G. Burrell (US) 70, 72. 152 M. Kline 71, 73; D. Watson (SA) 72, 70. 153 D. Paine 70, 72; G. Mapha (Aus) 71, 70. 154 D. Burrell 72, 74; A. Ross (SA) 71, 70. 155 D. Clark 70, 72; G. Mapha (SA) 71, 70. 156 D. A. Russell 71, 72. 157 D. A. Russell 71, 72; G. Moore (Aus) 73, 70. 158 S. Charles 70, 75. 159 M. Burrell 70, 72; P. Way 71, 75. 160 J. M. Cantelero (Swe) 72, 75. 161 D. Barty 72, 75; T. Watkinson (US) 73, 70. 162 S. Charles 70, 75. 163 D. Burrell 70, 72; P. Way 71, 75. 164 J. M. Cantelero (Swe) 72, 75. 165 D. Barty 72, 75; T. Watkinson (US) 73, 70. 166 S. Charles 70, 75. 167 M. Burrell 70, 72; P. Way 71, 75. 168 J. M. Cantelero (Swe) 72, 75. 169 D. Barty 72, 75; T. Watkinson (US) 73, 70. 170 S. Charles 70, 75. 171 M. Burrell 70, 72; P. Way 71, 75. 172 J. M. Cantelero (Swe) 72, 75. 173 D. Barty 72, 75; T. Watkinson (US) 73, 70. 174 S. Charles 70, 75. 175 M. Burrell 70, 72; P. Way 71, 75. 176 J. M. Cantelero (Swe) 72, 75. 177 D. Barty 72, 75; T. Watkinson (US) 73, 70. 178 S. Charles 70, 75. 179 M. Burrell 70, 72; P. Way 71, 75. 180 J. M. Cantelero (Swe) 72, 75.
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Non-qualifiers

181 M. Macomber (US) 75, 75; W. Black (US) 74, 76; M. May (SA) 73, 77. 182 D. Paine 74, 76; M. May (SA) 74, 75. 183 D. Cooper 75, 75; S. Haskins (SA) 72, 78.	181 S. Ryan (US) 72, 78; D. Durkin 75, 76. 182 N. Huey 73, 77. 183 D. Clark 75, 77; D. Harrison 72, 79; S. Clark 76, 75; A. Brand (SA) 73, 78. 184 M. Clayton (Aus) 72, 75; C. Mason 70, 73. 185 N. Price (SA) 74, 77. 186 J. Hinkins (US) 75, 75; J. Howell (US) 72, 77; T. Horton 75, 75; K. Kuhl (Swe) 70, 73. 187 S. Nanda (Jap) 75, 77. 188 D. Hartmann (US) 76, 77; E. Rosner (Arg) 75, 75; D. Llewellyn 74, 79; D. Armstrong (Aus) 71, 82. 189 T. Dool (Jap) 76, 77. 190 T. Jackson 81, 74; A. Tapie (US) 79, 75. 191 S. Burrell 75, 73. 192 B. Stanger 74, 155. 193 D. Clark 75, 75; D. Durkin 75, 76; S. Langer 75, 77. 194 J. Fazio (US) 75, 80; V. Parnowski (Aus) 75, 80. 195 N. Gault 75, 80. 196 S. Nanda 75, 80; B. Doss (US) 76, 78; J. Jones 75, 79. 197 M. Cram 75, 80; G. McIlroy 76, 77. 198 C. Tucker 77, 81. 199 N. McLean 78, 85; R. Stewart (US) 74, 83. 200 J. Hinkins 77, 81; S. Stewart 77, 83. 201 A. Russell 77, 82; M. Gould (Jap) 82, 77; R. Clark 78, 81. 202 P. Walton 78, 83. 203 C. Russell 75, 84. 204 S. Nanda 75, 84; S. Mitchell 78, 82. 205 N. Hinkins 83, 78; A. Saunders (Aus) 80, 81. 206 G. Gault 78, 84. 207 J. Hall 78, 85; P. Pardo 77, 87. 208 T. Hinkins 84, 84.
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Evening racing

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live, and include the reading of the commercials. "We have to make it that long to fit in our 35 sponsors," said their director who is in charge of 12 men who command the phone boxes at every opportunity.

Their opposition are using plane. One Colombian journalist said: "These victories mean that our country is now known for more than just top grade marijuana and cocaine."

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IT MUST be true love for Robert Miller and his French girlfriend, Sylvie, who works in a factory canteen in Troyes. He has bought her a Langophone course so that she can learn English.

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FOR THOSE who think that the British popular Press are the only ones to picture sportsmen dressed up in ridiculous gear, think again. L'Equipe magazine had a Miller in a kilt, posing a La Monroe with the wind blowing up the front; the baby-faced Irishman Stephen Roche lying in a cot wearing only a nappy and a dummy, and the American Greg LeMond dressed as the Statue of Liberty, complete with torch. Where will it end?

Parliament sitting pretty in Ayr race

Harry Heymer

The Land of Burn Stakes over 10 furlongs at Ayr is not the richest prize this afternoon but with Teleprompter taking part it will certainly be the most interesting.

This remarkable gelding, trained by Bill Watts, has beaten many top class horses and has twice captured the Group 3 Pacemaker International Stakes at Phoenix Park, this season beating Northern Plains by a narrow six lengths. This victory took his total winnings to £107,893, a superb feat for a gelding.

The big question now is can he add another £8,839 to his winnings by capturing this race with Teleprompter taking part it will certainly be the most interesting.

The one that could relate to him again, Parliament, is also getting 8lb and has already had Teleprompter behind this season, when second, beaten a head, by King of Clubs at Newmarket in April.

Parliament (2.15) was in receipt of 5lb that day and gets another 3lb on top of that. Both were having their first run of the season so there is no excuse on that score and seeing as Teleprompter will not be entirely suited to the soft ground, I think Charlie Nelson's five-year-old may be good enough to notch his first win of the season.

Half an hour before the Land of Burn Stakes, ITV viewers should have seen Carriage Way (1.45) showing his much younger rivals the way home in the



Willie Carson... 483-1 hat-trick yesterday

results. He is back to more moderate class here.

At Newbury the BBC take just two races starting with the Hillsdale Trophy Handicap over seven furlongs. John Patrick, Habs Lad, Connyway and Mister Preclude all look as though they will take a hand in the finish though the odds are for John Beadhead's Formido (2.0). At Lingfield last time out she fought a gallant race to run Pontefract due to three quarters of a length and before that she beat the useful Fun Galore.

The cameras miss the Donnington Castle Stakes, which looks an easy target for Henry Cecil's Water Cay (2.30) but they take in the valuable Morland Brewery Trophy Handicap over 10 furlongs. This was Lady Beaverbrook's second success this season, following Potosi's victory at Newmarket last week.

Carson had to work a lot harder on the Newmarket Maiden Stakes, but showed greenness in the early stages of the race. He was well on his way to beat Eastern Song one and a half lengths.

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Dunlop's stable back in business

JOHN DUNLOP added his first winner for nearly two months when I Want To Be won at Newbury yesterday, giving clear signs that his 200-strong stable is returning to form after a lengthy shut-out because of a virus.

"It's nice to be back - it feels like I've been serving a prison sentence," commented the Arundel trainer. His last winner was Tannock at Goodwood on May 22.

"Eighty per cent of my horses are in work, should be running soon. The ones that have run so far have been doing well but I still have eight to 12 badly affected," added Dunlop.

I Want To Be was pocketed on the odds and was a surprise winner. He had previously scored on Bidden (10.1) and Seattle Sista (9.4) for his retained stable of Dick Herrin.

Carson slipped his field in the Aldbourne Maiden Stakes, coming clear to score by five lengths from Santaella Bay. This was Lady Beaverbrook's second success this season, following Potosi's victory at Newmarket last week.

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TV allowed in bets shops

BETTING shops will be permitted to be brightened up with TV, radio and video facilities under new laws to be introduced in the autumn, the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan announced yesterday. Mr Brittan said the new rules will also allow non-alcoholic drinks and newspapers to be sold in betting shops and will lift restrictions on internal displays and some external advertising.

Shops will be allowed to switch on TV and radio sets only when there is coverage of sporting events.

The Home Secretary will introduce the changes in the autumn. They are expected to come into effect at the end of this year or early next year.

NEWMARKET

- 1 30 Positive
- 2 30 Homing Angel
- 3 30 Petrovich
- 4 05 Kufuma
- 5 30 Treraw
- 6 05 Harasbah
- 4 35 Mirabilis

DRAG: No significant change in odds. * DENOTES BLINDING

AYR CARD

- 1 45 Carriage Way
- 2 15 Parliament
- 2 45 Champions Club (nb)
- 3 15 Castanheiro
- 3 45 Genoon
- 4 15 Dozario

DRAG: LHM transfers last year 71 and blinding. * DENOTES BLINDING

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- 1 30-BRITVIC STAKES (AMATEUR RIDERS): 11m; £2,136 (10 runners).

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- 2 30-CHEMIST BROKER HANDICAP: 3-4-0; 8m; £2,785 (8 runners).

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- 3 30-RISBY SELLING HANDICAP: 3-4-0; 11m; £1,785 (15 runners).

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Are we sure Britain is doing the right thing becoming an ice-cream economy?



SATURDAY NOTEBOOK

AT THE height of the holiday season, with Britons flocking to the sun and foreign visitors arriving here in their droves, it is perhaps appropriate that fresh impetus is about to be given to the tourist industry.

The latest boost to Britain's already thriving and expanding tourist industry will

come on Monday when Lord Young, Mrs Thatcher's avuncular minister with a mission to create jobs, unveils his long-awaited report on the potential of the tourist industry.

Young, fresh from his white paper this week on cutting red tape in business, is likely to conclude that tourism has enormous potential, both in terms of wealth creation and job creation.

It will be a report, likely to echo several others in the recent past which have shown that hundreds of thousands of new jobs could be created in the industry during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

It will also be a report which signals the government's most positive endorsement yet of the policy to create future employment in the leisure and service industries.

However what is so rarely discussed when people look at the future of the tourist

industry is whether, on the one hand, it should be an area of the economy to be stimulated, and, on the other, whether the country is prepared to pay the social cost of coping with more tourists.

No one should underestimate the value of tourism to the British economy. Nor should we, as a nation of tourists, to other people's countries, try to prevent foreign visitors coming to our shores.

At present, for example, it is estimated that Britain earns £16 billion a year and provides up to 950,000 permanent jobs through our own and foreign tourism.

In financial terms, the £14 billion a year sales generated by tourism are bigger than the country's entire output of electrical and mechanical engineering, and larger than both agriculture and the motor industry.

It is also worth saying that tourism has developed a substantial economic and employment presence with very little direct stimulus from government, though of course the value of the pound on currency markets is a major factor in attracting foreign visitors.

However there are many who believe that with a little extra help from government tourism could really take off — creating yet more wealth and employment. Such help would take the shape of more liberal licensing laws, less red tape and, inevitably, more public spending on the decaying national infrastructure.

None of this, though, takes into account the in-

creasing inconvenience, disruption and general lowering of the quality of life which is being imposed on those who "visit or live in and around the main tourist centres."

London, for example, is creaking under the strain of its tourist population which since 1981 alone has grown by 1.6 million to 8.4 million a year by 1984. Well over 60 per cent of all foreign visitors come to London.

Is it any wonder that traffic in central London is clogged up from May to September, pubs, restaurants, cinemas and theatres are packed and finding an empty taxi has become an art form.

Have the CBI or London Chamber of Commerce, for instance, ever calculated the cost to trade and industry of highly paid businessmen sweating it out in traffic jams?

Can we cope with the present influx of tourists, let alone handle an unlimited

increase in the numbers of visitors? Or is it time to put the quality of life ahead of the dollars, marks, francs and so on?

The government, of course, welcomes the growth and development of the tourism-leisure industries, particularly since it has no impact on government spending. It is a growth and development that provides nothing but smiles to the money men at the Treasury.

It is also a growth and development which fits in neatly with a government philosophy that plans to have the sums going into central industrial aid, has cut public spending in new technology industries and has wreaked havoc on such a scale in the traditional industries that for the first time since the Industrial Revolution, Britain has a loss on trade with the world in manufactured goods.

There are, inevitably, several other issues to be con-

sidered if the nation is to become increasingly reliant upon the tourist industry to pay its way in the world.

Jobs in the tourist-leisure field are among the lowest paid and with the least amount of worker representation. They are, for the vast majority, lowly skilled, untrained jobs and, increasingly, part-time and therefore less secure.

The greater reliance the country places on low-skilled jobs like waiter and barmaid, the less we need the traditional skills and training facilities.

Equally, it would be folly to come to rely too heavily on the service industry sector.

For example, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce reminded us recently that each 1 per cent decline in manufacturing exports requires a 3 per cent increase in the export of services. About 20 per cent of all service industry output

has manufacturing industry as its customer.

In short, wealth and job creation come both from manufacturing and service industries. Too often today, though, we seem to be deluding ourselves that service industries, like tourism, offer the only hope of economic salvation when the oil runs out.

Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has said that he sees no cause for concern in the country's huge deficit on trade in manufactured goods, while top industrialists like John Harvey-Jones of ICI and Lord Weinstock of GEC have publicly ridiculed the government view that service industries can compensate in terms of wealth and employment for the decline in manufacturing industries.

It is a sobering thought as we sit in traffic jams contemplating our future as an ice-cream economy.

Michael Smith

Devaluation of 10 to 15 per cent likely over weekend

Chaos as Italy halts lira dealings

By Margaret Pagano, City Correspondent

Foreign exchange markets were in total confusion last night over the Italian Treasury's sudden decision to suspend all dealings in the lira.

The crisis started at about lunchtime when the lira plunged by 17.7 per cent within minutes, taking it well out of the permitted bands of the European Monetary System.

Several theories were circulating in the main European foreign exchange markets, with speculation that included a large dollar buying order that had not been offset by intervention from the Italian authorities. Another possible reason was a circular from the Italian banking authorities detailing regulations to curb short-term foreign borrowing.

Italian dealers said the crisis began just after the notice

from the Italian exchange office, forbidding any lira swaps against other currencies for periods of under seven days.

It is still unclear whether this had any connection with the lira's collapse, which saw the dollar and the DM soar to record levels within minutes.

The dollar had been trading at 1.880 against the lira in the morning but by lunchtime had leapt to 2.200.

Within minutes the Italian Treasury asked all the European central banks not to intervene, suspended all dealings in the currency and called a halt to the Milan exchange's fixing session. One dealer in Brussels called the suspension "a total breakdown of the international monetary system."

A devaluation of the lira is now widely expected over the weekend of between 10 per cent and 15 per cent. The Italian Finance Minister, Mr

Giovanni Goria, was expected to give an explanation of the reasons behind the swift action last night in Rome.

Last night the European Community Commission decided to comment on the crisis until at least after the close of foreign exchange markets in New York. The EEC official was also not able to confirm reports that a weekend meeting of EEC finance ministers was being arranged to discuss the ECU intervention limits for the lira but a meeting from the EEC is due later today.

The Italian Government apparently has so far not notified the International Monetary Fund of these developments, nor were there any signs last night that Italy intended to seek to make any relatively quick currency

drawings from its \$1.1 billion reserve position with the IMF. Dealers reported that dollar

trading yesterday morning was \$73 million, which is not much higher than the daily average in Italy of between \$50 and \$60 million.

By the close of the London markets, dealers were quoting between 1,900 and 2,000 for the lira against the dollar. Another currency immediately affected was the Irish punt, which was temporarily suspended since the punt is at the top of the EMS range and likely to suffer most from any intervention.

The punt fell from \$1.0905 on Thursday to close at \$1.0750. The French franc also slipped back from 6.6850 to 6.8200. Spreads throughout the market were wide as dealers tried to disavow the reasons behind the panic and there was heavy mark buying by dealers trying to sell lira. The dollar fluctuated with an almost four pence band against the DM. It closed at 2.2800, a 3.05 pence gain.

Extel plans £18 m flutter

By Andrew Cornelius

The financial and sports information group, Extel, is raising £18.5 million from shareholders to pay for the installation of more than 2,000 new colour news and television monitors in betting shops throughout the country.

Mr Alan Brooker, chairman of the group, said it would cost about £12 million to update the present



Alan Brooker

Extel video service which provides customers with racing news displayed in text-only form on black and white monitors.

He said that the investment was necessary to compete with the large betting shop chains which were introducing more sophisticated news systems, and the anticipated changes in law which would allow television to be shown in betting offices.

Extel shares have risen sharply in recent weeks on big speculation in the purchase of a 6.3 per cent share stake by the Egyptian financier, Dr Ashraf Marwan. Yesterday Dr Marwan, who is holidaying in Palma, said that he "usually" took up his rights to shares when they were issued.

Mr Brooker denied that the rights issue was intended to thwart any attempt to takeover the group.

The proceeds of the one-for-five issue of new ordinary shares at 280p per share will also pave the way for investment in Extel Computing and Burrows Printing Group. Extel shares fell 13p to 335p.

Extel has spent £31 million in the past few years, including the £12.5 million takeover of Benson Brothers in 1983.

Bank's sweeping changes in supervision

By Margaret Pagano, City Correspondent

The Bank of England yesterday issued two consultative papers recommending sweeping changes to present banking supervision which were prompted by the concern surrounding the collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Most of the recommendations — which include abolishing the present two-tier system of banks and licensed deposit takers — follow on from the committee set up by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, and chaired by the Bank's Governor, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton. Many of the changes will involve legislation, and an amendment to the Banking Act of 1979 should be made in the 1988 parliamentary session.

The Bank's second paper deals with new proposals to improve its system of monitoring large loans and other exposures taken by authorised institutions. The recommendations are that a limit on exposures to a single borrower — or to a group of closely related borrowers — should be set at 25 per cent of the group's capital base. The Bank's present threshold of concern, set at 10 per cent of capital, will remain in place.

All financial institutions are being circulated with the papers and the Bank seeks outside comment by September 12. Talks start next month with the British Bankers Association and the Finance Houses Association, and once all views are collected they will be used as the base for a

White Paper which is expected by the end of the year.

The Bank is also due shortly to publish another document dealing with the tightening up of relationships between auditors, supervisors, and bank managements, which also stems from the JMB fiasco.

Under the committee's proposals for a one-tier banking system, it suggests that minimum criteria for authorisation of an institution should rise from £250,000 to £1 million of assets. The Bank also recommends that its powers to seek out information should be broadened and that all prudential information should be independently checked.

Meanwhile, the new allegations of fraud in the JMB affair in the House of Commons earlier this week prompted a call for another inquiry by the Department of Trade under the Companies Act.

Mr Derek Fitchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central, urged Mr Norman Tebbit, Trade Secretary, in a Commons question yesterday to launch an inquiry. Mr Tebbit is expected to reply on Monday that this would be inappropriate since the Treasury and the police are already investigating.

Mr Michael Hepker, chairman of Sumfist Clothes, who has denied the allegations of fraud in his dealings with JMB, arrived back in England on Sunday morning from Chicago. He is expected to reply publicly to the allegations and has threatened to sue the Labour MP, Mr Brian Sedgmore, if he repeats his allegations outside the House.

Hepker firm's Welsh delay

By Paul Hoyland

Councillors of Merthyr Tydfil Mid-Glamorgan, are concerned about delay in the building of a £12 million shopping centre by a company whose chairman, Mr Michael Hepker, was named in the House of Commons in connection with the collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Brecon Industrial Development received outline planning permission to build the centre last year, but Hepker attended private reception in the House of Commons in November when the company presented its proposals to Merthyr councillors and the Labour MP for Merthyr and Rhymney, Mr Ted Rowlands.

Work was expected to start early this year as soon as detailed planning permission had been received.

Detailed plans have still not been submitted, however, and it is estimated that building work may be delayed until next year.

Councillor Mrs Mona Shanks, deputy leader of the council, said: "We have been concerned about the delay."

"Following the launch we would have thought things would have happened fairly quickly. This is an area that badly needs redevelopment. The centre would create many jobs and we have looked forward to it for a long time now."

It is proposed to build the centre on the site of the town's railway station. Brecon Industrial Development would build another station for British Rail close by.

STEEL producers in leading Western industrialised countries and Japan are heading for a renewed squeeze in the second half of 1985, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said yesterday.

The 24-nation body warned of falling prices, demand, lower output, and rising competition, during the rest of the year in the face of an economic slowdown in the United States and elsewhere in the OECD area.

HOVERSPEED, the cross-Channel hovercraft operator formed by a merger between the private Hoverlloyd company and the former British Rail Seaport subsidiary in 1982, is expected to be in profit for the first time this year following a £17.5 million increase in sales in the six months to April, and a reported increase in the company's share of both vehicle and passenger traffic across the channel.

SAATCHI and Saatchi has reached agreement to acquire Clancy, Shulman Associates, a marketing research and consultancy company based in Connecticut, for \$2 million (£1.4 million).

GLAXO shares rose 28p to £12.50 yesterday on news that the company's injectable antibiotics, marketed with become available in America from early August.



Alan Bond

GATT meeting ends in disarray

By John Hooper, Trade Correspondent

Moves to launch a new round of world trade talks were in disarray yesterday after an all-night meeting of the GATT council broke up without agreement.

The council, made up of the heads of the 82 missions represented at GATT's Geneva-based secretariat, was unable to reach accord on an EEC proposal calling for preparatory talks in September.

A number of developing countries, led by Brazil and

India, opposed the move on the grounds that although the EEC motion envisaged preparatory talks without pre-conditions, the developed nations — and particularly the United States — are insisting that the eventual negotiations must include discussion of trade in services as well as goods.

The Third World countries have argued that GATT should not try to dismantle barriers to trade in services until it has removed those to trade in goods. There are still, for example, numerous obstacles to

textile exports from the Third World.

They are also worried that competition from the advanced shipping, insurance, banking and tourist enterprises of the West and Japan could drive their own fledgling service industries out of business.

The Brazilians were prepared to agree to an "exchange of information" on services in October, provided the September meeting was confined to goods. But this proved to be unacceptable to the US.

Early yesterday, the US delegation announced that it

would be asking for the annual meeting of senior officials from the GATT signatory nations to be brought forward from November to September.

The failure of the latest effort will infuriate the Americans who have been pressing for a new round of talks for almost a year and threatening that unless they get on they might break away from the GATT structure altogether.

But their keenness for talks was intensified by the rise in the dollar, which made US exports increasingly uncompetitive.

Gower's attack over investor protection

By Margaret Pagano

Professor Jim Gower has repeated his criticism over two independent but overlapping bodies to police the City would be excessively wasteful of human and financial resources.

The professor, whose first report into investor protection paved the way for the proposed financial services legislation next year, said that two bodies — the Securities and Investment Board and the Marketing of Investments Board — would be a fundamental error. He added that it was extremely doubtful that the MIB could even get off the ground unless it was subject to a City body embracing the financial industry as a whole.

Professor Gower, in his second report published yesterday, repeated with Gifford's opinion that there was a case for a recognised self-regulatory organisation to deal with the marketing of collective invest-

ments. But he suggested that, instead of the MIB, a lower tier organisation recognised by the main City body should include the Registry of Life Assurance Commission (Rolic).

The government's White Paper proposes Rolic as a voluntary arrangement outside the new structure. He believes this lower tier organisation could allow all intermediaries to obtain authorisation, and could also monitor their activities.

He added that this would also be better than a separate division of the SIB being responsible for collective investments, which would impose too great an administrative burden.

In his usual candid style the professor has harsh words for the proposed institutional framework which he described as a constitutional anomaly since it delegates public functions to a private body.

By Margaret Dibbon

The founder and general manager of the Ecology Building Society, Mr David Pedley, has resigned after a bitter six-month dispute with the rest of the board.

Mr Pedley complains that his fellow directors are more concerned with the society being financially secure than sticking to its founding principle of lending on ecologically sound property.

The £11 million society recently reduced its interest rates and at present is unable to grant more mortgages until funds pick up. There are some 50 borrowers and 1,000 investment accounts.

The row with his fellow directors has forced Mr Pedley to leave the society he set up in 1980. He has no plans to start another building society but would like to call a special general meeting.

Four charged with conspiracy

FOUR businessmen appeared at the Guildhall magistrates court in London yesterday charged with conspiracy to defraud the merchant bank, Samuel Montagu, of £7.5 million. Sonny van Praag, Raymond Oliver, Harry Grey and Steven Daulton, were all bailed to a later date. The charges relate to an export credit guarantee.

BA float likely to copy Telecom's

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

A broad-based, British Telecom-style public flotation is being arranged for British Airways, the state airline being lined up for privatisation early next year.

Ministers and BA executives have agreed that the flotation should be aimed at attracting support from both City institutions and the small shareholders

who poured funds into the BT issue.

Initially it was thought that the BA sale would be geared almost entirely towards the financial institutions.

But ministers are highly satisfied with the success of the BT issue, which attracted many small shareholders into the stock market for the first time.

While no date has been fixed for the BA flotation, officials are working towards pri-

vatization in the first quarter of next year. The BA sale could raise around £1 billion.

The prospects of a flotation have hardened considerably following last week's £48 million settlement of the Laker Airways anti-trust suit. However, several doubts still exist.

Sir Freddie Laker has not yet accepted his \$8 million out-of-court payment, and Lomho, the international trading concern, is threatening a further \$327 million suit.

Allied's relationship with Castlemaine goes back many years and includes an arrangement whereby Castlemaine distributes Allied products in Australia.

Allied is hoping to win a greater share of the booming UK lager market following the launch of Castlemaine XXXX in London and the South-east

Bond lays siege to Castlemaine

By Andrew Cornelius

Mr Alan Bond, the multi-millionaire Australian businessman who enjoyed international fame as the winner of the Americas Cup, is threatening to take a dominant slice of the Australian beer market with a bid for a half stake in the A\$1 billion (£500 million) Castlemaine Toobys brewing group.

The bid could lead to a major shake-up of the Australian brewing industry by bringing together Mr Bond's Swan and Emu beers with Castlemaine XXXX, one of the top selling brands in the country.

Sitting on the sidelines in

London is Allied-Lyons, the giant food and drinks group, which has a 24.9 per cent stake in Castlemaine, and markets its lager in the UK.

Bond Corporation, the holding company for Mr Bond's widely diversified business interests, is bidding A\$7.10 (£3.60) a share for 50 per cent of Castlemaine's share capital.

Mr Bond started buying Castlemaine shares a month ago and now has an eight per cent stake.

Castlemaine said that it would do everything it could to frustrate the partial bid.

"It is not in the interest of shareholders, employees or the company itself," Mr Lloyd

Zampatti, Castlemaine's managing director, said.

Allied, which has a strong commercial relationship with Castlemaine, including a seat on the group's main board, said it was too early to say how it would respond to the bid from Bond.

Bond Corporation already has a monopoly over brewing in Western Australia, but has only about 6 per cent of the national beer market.

Castlemaine, which is based in Brisbane, in Queensland, has about 35 per cent of the Australian market, and competes strongly with Carlton and United Breweries, which makes launch of Castlemaine XXXX in London and the South-east

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COMPANY BRIEFING

Monitor costs zoom out of control

The latest tale of woe from the microcomputer world has a horror ring of familiarity. Microvitec makes monitors — not particularly high-tech items — and has no trouble selling its wares.

In fact turnover for the half year to June 30 rose 40 per cent, but it just cannot seem to control its costs, and profits are now expected to be no more than £500,000 for the whole of 1985.

Just over six months ago the market was looking for a £3.4 million for the current year.

Although big management changes are going on, the shares lost a third of their value yesterday, closing at 40p.

Mr Tony Martinez, the chairman, has 27 per cent of the company so the replacement of key management, personnel, including finance, sales and marketing, materials control and manufacturing, is understandable. It is a little late for shareholders' comfort.

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ROBERT Montague helped run the family transport business until 1978, when he set up on his own to hire out containers and trailers.

Today at 37 he sports a Bentley Mulsanne and will be worth £3.6 million when his Tiphook company makes its market debut on July 31.

Barclays Merchant Bank, sponsors to the issue, is launching Tiphook with an offer-for-sale at 110p a share — 25 per cent of the equity. The launch was postponed three weeks ago because of the depressed stock market, but the issue has now been priced to give Tiphook a £15.4 million value, on a not extortionate 15 times historic earnings, assuming 35 per cent tax. The £4.35 million net raised will pay off debt.

Mr Montague is selling £350,000 worth of his own shares which will amount to half his stake to 23.58 per cent. United Kingdom Provident will hold a 31th of the shares, and Gresham Trust 9 per cent.

Pre-tax profits have enjoyed a steady upward climb. From £66,000 seven years ago to £1.65 million on turnover of £2.15 million for the year ending April 30, 1985. There

began eight years ago as a one-man business with one client, comes to the market with a value of £4 million when trading begins in the shares on Thursday.

Stephen Moss, a former advertising executive with the Sheffield Newspapers Group, founded the business in 1978 after taking on the advertising business of a tiny local company, Kitchen Creations. The following year he teamed up with a former colleague, Mr Stephen Daugherty, who

brought new clients to the group, and the business was moved from the front room of a house to a new studio in Sheffield.

Today Moss Advertising has more than 100 clients, including Kitchen Creations, which has grown from one to 40 stores. Work has just started on below-the-line promotions for William Hill's 850 UK betting shops.

The two founders are selling part of their holdings as part of an £866,788 share placing, which will also provide £360,000 for development of the business. The board is forecasting pre-tax profits of £410,000 in the current year, August 31 against pre-tax profits of £231,000 last year.

Mr Daugherty, now joint managing director of the company, yesterday said that the public listing would increase awareness of the services which could be provided by the group and make it easier to make acquisitions. He said that it would also remind

other companies are just too big to tackle it.

Tiphook built up its business by specialising in small quantities of containers and trailers, which usually makes the country's highest with a (mostly leased) fleet of 22,000.

It also makes containers since buying Acrow's Adamsons plant from the receiver last November. It contributed £348,000 to operating profits last year, and has a greater potential, after rationalisation. Central Trailers has a fleet of 170 and like containers (which has a 4 per cent growth a year worldwide), there is plenty of growth, says Tiphook.

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Tiphook — success from thinking small

Is no profits forecast but another strong year is expected.

A total dividend of 2.73p is promised, giving a 4.8 per cent yield.

How has Mr Montague done so well so quickly? It seems he has carved himself a niche in the container market that the big boys, mostly of the US, like Geel-Cry and Sencouliners, are too large to bother about.

"We offer a very efficient service in specific areas, like Northern Europe and the Far East. We don't touch America where most of the competition is centred. Getting six boxes out of Barcelona is difficult and a lot of the

people that there was a strong advertising industry in the provinces which would service clients' local and regional needs.

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Stores were mixed, but comments on Thursday's results knocked nearly 20p from GUS. At one stage before the shares rallied to finish at 77p, a net fall of 13p. Other mail orders retreated in sympathy.

Among engineers TI Group continued to reflect the interest shown by the Exchanged consortium up 4p more to 308p. Oils were quietly confident ahead of the Opec meeting in front of the interim dividend season, which begins with NatWest on July 30. NatWest was 10p higher at 655p.

There were two prominent weak spots. The beleaguered hi-tech sector received another jolt as Microvitec warned of

sharply lower profits due to high costs of introducing new products. The shares, which have been as high as 88p this year, dropped 18p to 43p 5p.

Extel, a firm market this week due to speculation surrounding the stake held by Dr Marwan, fell 16p to 33p as the announcement of a £19 million rights issue to help finance future acquisitions and the existing development programme.

Insurances were very quiet but properties made modest progress. Gold shares rallied 25 cents to over a dollar.

Profit-taking clipped John Laing A back 8p to 238p, RMC Group 6p to 388p and Blue Circle Industries 2p to 536p. Baker Perkins Holdings gained 6p to 173p on the sale of the company's holding in Werner.

The Delta Group's expansion plans netted the shares a 2p rise to 135p. Neeschem, with results due next Friday, added 6p to 21p. Johnson and Firth Brown was boosted 1p to 193p by press comment.

Investment support lifted Bass 8p to 562p. The Distillers Company came back 4p to 279p on comment on the results, announced on Thursday. Freemans lost 10p to 256p in sympathy with GUS.

Main changes: GUS A 77p, down 13p; Microvitec 43p, down 18p; TI Group 308p, up

4p; Gestetner 103p, down 9p; Extel 33p, down 16p; 3i Group A 245p, down 5p; NatWest 655p, up 10p; Dixons 737p, up 5p.

Stock Exchange turnover for July 18: Bargains 16,606; Value 413,987 million.

Frankfurt: The rebounding US dollar and lower West German interest rates propelled equity prices higher in lively trading. The Commerzbank index added 12.5 points to finish at 1412.1.

Paris: Prices fell across a broad front in calm trading. The market indicator was down 0.74 per cent at the closing bell and declines outnumbered advances by 127 to 83.

Tokyo: A sell-off of export-oriented blue chips sent the market into a steep decline in active trading. Nikkei index: 12,788.54 (12,852.54).

Boost for De Groot

Disappointing profits by Cowan de Groot were offset by news of two acquisitions which would help to lessen the group's dependence on pre-Christmas sales and reduce the contribution of the toys division from 45 per cent to about 33 per cent.

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Brace yourselves for an elegant decline

Banks and building societies are in no hurry to make life easier for their customers, warns Margaret Dibben. For some, she says below, this could have painful consequences

AT LAST the cost of borrowing is starting to fall. The banks this week knocked 0.5 per cent off their base lending rates which is not going to make us feel a great deal better but is at least a move in the right direction.

And the building societies are at last saying that a fall in their rates is in sight. The Halifax, for the second time in recent weeks, improved its differential charging: now loans up to £50,000 are at the basic rate of 14 per cent.

The banks have no plans to reduce their mortgage rates just yet, even though their other borrowing costs have come down. They will wait until the building societies make a move, as they usually do, before deciding whether to match the building society home loan rates, stay a little higher, or undercut them by a fraction. For some time now they have been cheaper than building societies by a margin of some 1/4 per cent. However, demand for home loans is not overwhelming them even at these cheaper rates, so the banks can sit very comfortably and wait for building societies to make the first move. Midland Bank is now offering mortgages of three times one salary, or twice joint salaries to customers.

Building societies are in a peculiar position: for months they have been saying that they have not enough money coming in to meet demand so they cannot possibly think of reducing their rates. But recently some of them have been advertising loans for any purpose and even now the Halifax is advertising for mortgage business, which suggests that some of them cannot be as short of funds for mortgages as others have been claiming.

But now that the banks have cut their interest rates and the interest they pay on their savings schemes (the worst competition for societies) they can say that, yes, they might think of bringing their rates down. This promise, however, is hedged about with caveats, including the necessity for banks to cut base rates once more.

The fall, when it does come, will quite probably be 1 per cent off the cost of mortgages, optimistically from the beginning of September, although some people would like to wait until October. Savings rates will obviously also come down, and by at least 1.25 per cent on the ordinary share accounts, but the higher premium paying accounts will fall by even more.

If you are planning to borrow money just now where should you go if banks have cut their personal loan rates but building societies will lend you money to buy a car?

The Bristol & West and Skipton societies are advertising personal loans for their existing borrowers secured on the house to buy whatever you want (there is of course no tax relief on that part of the home loan). Other societies, most recently the Midlands, have tied up with other financial institutions who will give you loans (interestingly the Midlands has done this with United Dominions Trust which is owned by Trustee Savings Bank, a rival in the mortgage and loan field).

A two year loan from the Bristol & West will cost 26.6 per cent APR, 32.9 per cent in the Midlands and at Skipton 24.47 per cent. A personal loan from a bank costs 23.8 per cent fixed at the time you process a mortgage any rates are 13.5 per cent.

Some building societies have mortgage queues, but many do not wait of about six weeks is the time it takes to process a mortgage anyway. So if the society you have approached for a loan cannot help you immediately, try another or one of the banks where there is no problem finding money.

Keeping the wolf from the door

A CHEAPER mortgage rate, welcomed by all borrowers, could actually mean the ability to hold on to their home for some. A report out this week from the National Consumer Council noted a dramatic increase in the number of people falling into arrears with their home loan repayments.

Rising unemployment and broken marriages are the main causes of the increased numbers, and the NCC chairman pointed out that these people are not feckless and irresponsible but decent and hardworking, paying their dues on time. It is only when they face a sudden change in circumstances such as marital breakdown or the loss of a salary that they get into difficulties.

But just at this time, when they most need help, the NCC researchers discovered they are "highly unlikely" to get it.

The NCC's chairman, Mr Michael Monaghan, criticised the Government's suggestion to reduce supplementary benefit covering mortgage interest repayments. "To withdraw it, or reduce it, would be an act of great inhumanity and short sightedness," he said.

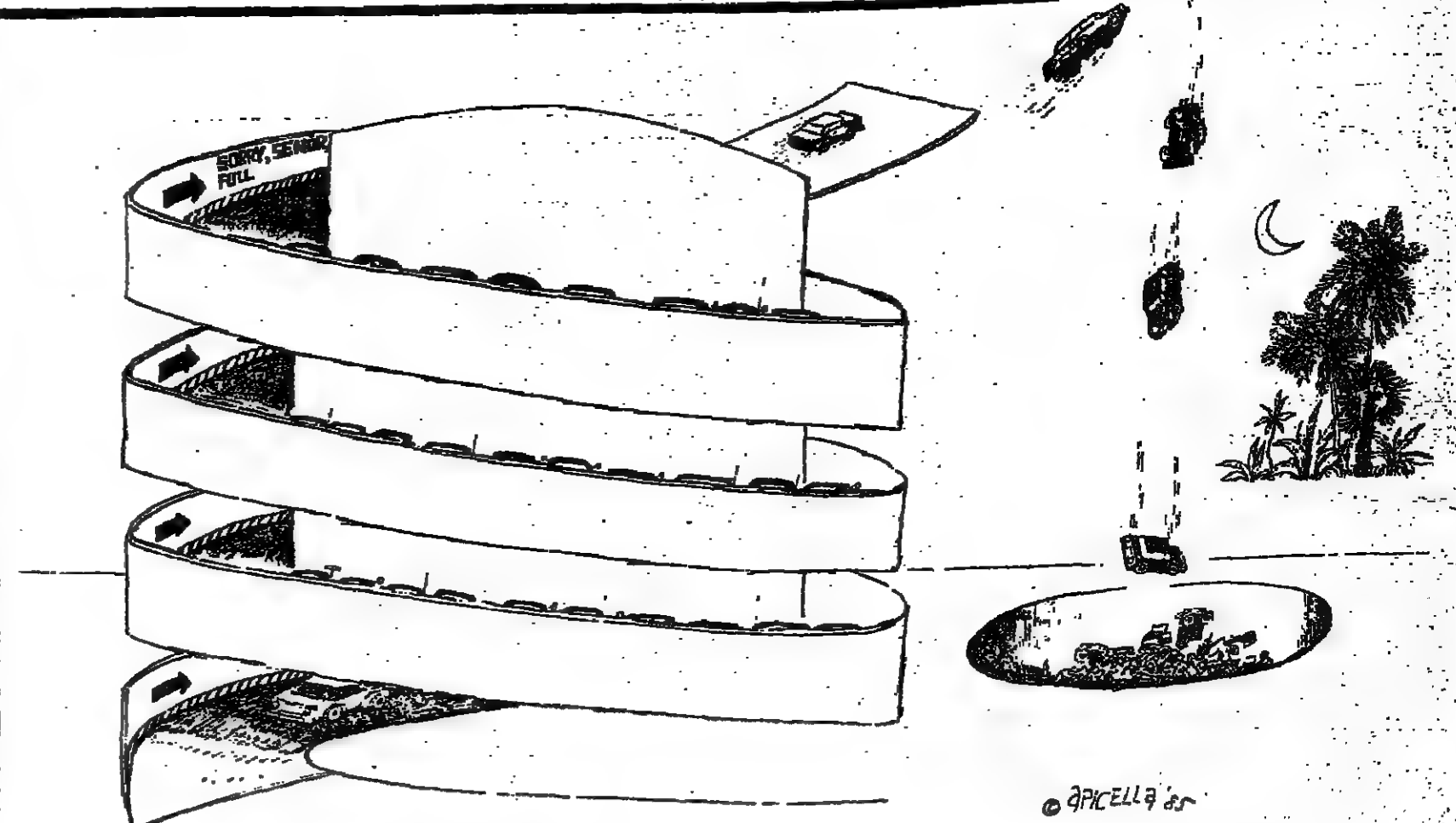
The NCC makes various recommendations, including the suggestion that home owners with money problems should be treated no less generously than tenants on supplementary benefits who have their full housing costs paid by the DHSS.

The Accumulation Fund, which should have more contact with their borrowers and get in touch if the monthly payments stop coming in. The NCC believes that this kind of action will be far more effective than any personal letter from the head office miles away.

In one of the many cases cited in the report, Mrs S. says: "Because everything was going through head office, we didn't think of going to the local building society office. In the end we went to see the building society manager. The relief! He was very stern but very nice. He made us work out what we could pay and made sure we wouldn't go without food and that."

The only advice to people who find that they have trouble paying the mortgage is just that. Go and see your local branch manager immediately you have a problem.

Margaret Dibben



She's not helping anyone. She's a woman

Why should some women be excluded from a benefit available to all men? Lindsay Cook reports

SOME 100,000 women are being urged to claim a benefit which the Government maintains they should not have.

Invalid care allowance is denied to married and cohabiting women who look after badly disabled relatives, although a Common Market directive makes it illegal for governments to discriminate between men and women in the payment of social security benefits.

The Department of Health and Social Security say that invalid care allowance does not come within the bounds of the directive but a test case has been referred to the Court of Justice and the European Community.

Mrs Jackie Drake, of Worsley, Manchester, won a Social Security appeals tribunal in March and if she wins in Europe it should open the way for all the other married women caring for relatives or

friends to claim the weekly allowance of £21.50.

But the disability charities do not want women in this position to wait for the decision of the European court later this year. They are urging them to claim the allowance now.

And if there is victory for Mrs Drake in Europe other women will be able to claim back pay to the date they made the application which could mount up to some £500.

Since the appeals tribunal ruled that Mrs Drake was entitled to the allowance, married or cohabiting women applicants are sent a pro-forma letter by the DHSS saying that their claim would normally be disallowed but that their application is being filed until the situation is resolved.

Mr Roger Smith of the Child Poverty Action Group, who represented Mrs Drake at the appeals tribunal, is confident the European court will find that invalid care allowance comes within the bounds of the Common Market directive, although no other country in the Community has a similar benefit.

The allowance is paid to those who look after people sufficiently disabled to receive attendance allowance, or another specified disability allowance, and is therefore part of a scheme for the disabled, said Mr Smith.

The directive applies to the working population, and Mrs Drake, and any other applicants afterwards, may have to establish that they are part of the working population.

Mrs Drake gave up two part-time jobs to look after her mother at home. In some cases of about £50 a week. On top of this she has the extra expense of looking after her mother.

Her case was taken up as soon as the directive came into force at the end of last year and in talks with the DHSS the charities supporting her agreed an accelerated procedure for the case. This meant that after her initial victory in March the case went to the Chief Social Security Commissioner, Judge Bromley, who on May 15 referred it to the Court of Justice of the European Community.

The decision of that court is expected any time from September onwards, with the end of the year being most likely.

If Mrs Drake wins it will be up to the DHSS to conform with the decision. Some charity workers are worried that the benefit will be restricted to those who give up work to care for others, although such a qualification would make the benefit administratively more expensive to operate.

It is currently available for people of working age who cannot work because they are looking after a severely disabled person at home. No national insurance contributions are needed, and while it can be claimed by any men or single women looking after either relatives or friends married, and cohabiting women have been excluded.

Victory will also see a concerted effort from the disability charities to make sure that the attendance allowance is fully claimed by all those eligible. The two tier allowance of £39.10 a week or £28.60 a week for those who need care night and day opens the way for the carer to claim the invalid care allowance and the two together mean that households can be £50.10 a week better off.

While attendance allowance is tax free the invalid care allowance is liable to tax.

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65-69	69-73	£98,167 £125,000 £149,000
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116-120	120-124	£148,400 £198,500 £233,000
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134-138	138-142	£165,650 £224,000 £261,500
143-147	147-151	£174,815 £237,500 £276,500
152-156	156-160	£184,340 £251,500 £292,000
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179-183	183-187	£215,075 £296,500 £341,500
188-192	192-196	£226,050 £312,500 £359,000
197-201	201-205	£237,395 £329,000 £377,000
206-210	210-214	£249,110 £346,000 £395,500
215-219	219-223	£261,295 £363,500 £414,500
224-228	228-232	£273,950 £381,500 £434,000
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242-246	246-250	£300,670 £419,000 £474,500
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350-354	354-358	£501,140 £681,500 £759,500
359-363	363-367	£520,965 £706,500 £786,500
368-372	372-376	£541,270 £732,000 £814,000
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 18 Play of the Week: Tsybyskaya No. 20. A memoirs of life in Russia. - 3-5
 19 News Stand. Weeklies reviewed. - 3-5
 20 The Week in Westminster. - 3-5
 21 Pick of the Week. - 3-5
 22 From our outposts. Correspondents. - 3-5
 23 All about the National Country Living. Country-lovers' magazine. - 3-5
 24 Quote... Unquote. Who said what? - 3-5
 25 News; Any Questions? with Sylvia Owen. - 3-5
 26 The Editor. Editor, Admiral Sir James Eberle, enters Rankin. - 3-5
 27 News; Afternoon Play. The Mystery by Bill Naughton. - 3-5
 28 News; Radio Active. Broadcasting spoof. - 3-5
 29 Experts' Extraordinary. Henry Cavill. - 3-5
 30 Words by Hart. Lesser knows songs by Rodgers and Hart. - 3-5
 31 Work and Talk by Harry Swan. - 3-5
 32 Willing. Deeds and shooting. - 3-5
 33 Ending. Satirical revue. - 3-5
 34 News. - 3-5
 35 With Great Pleasure. Brian Johnston chooses poetry and prose. - 3-5
 36 Saturday's Dozen. Popular classics. - 3-5
 37 Father's Night Theatre: Lucky 13 by Peter Simpkin. - 3-5
 38 News; Evening Service. - 3-5
 39 Another language: Jamming a hat's rank. - 3-5
 40 Science Now. - 3-5
 41 The Million Pound Radio Show. Comedy double-act with Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell. - 3-5
 42 News; weather; interval. - 3-5
 43 Shipping forecast. - 3-5

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 19 Prelude.
 20 News; Morning Has Broken.
 21 News; Morning Papers. 7.15 Appa
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 8 News; Sunday Papers.
 9 Sunday. Religious news.
 10 Appeal: overcoming anxiety.
 11 News; Sunday Papers.
 12 Letter from America by Allstair
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 13 Morning Service.
 14 The Chorus. Ombus edition.
 15 The Colour Supplement with 6
 contributors including Ernie
 Wise and Derek Jameson.
 16 The World This Weekend: News.
 17 News; Indiana with the
 Profile of the Chamber Orchestra
 of Europe.
 18 Afternoon Play: Behavioural
 Sciences. Comedy by Marilyn Wade.
 19 News; Heritage: the legal system
 with Henry II.
 20 The Living World. Nature mag.
 21 News; Down Your Way, in Wigan.
 22 News; Treasure Islands. Joseph
 Howe in Dominica.
 23 News; Great. Paperbacks choice.
 24 XPD. Thriller by Len Deighton.
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 25 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: medi-
 cal scientist Vicky Clements.
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 26 Let in Action.
 27 Setting Sail. Seafaring readings.
 28 News; Kidnapped and Catroña
 A.E. R. (London 6).
 29 News; A Year in the Life of the
 Albert Hall.
 30 The Play's the Thing. Modern
 drama and moral issues.
 1.15 Incident. (London 6).
 2 News; Weather: interval.
 3 Shipping.
 4 Close.
 5 6.45-7.45 am. Open University.
 6-6.45 pm Options.
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Parents blame headmaster for death of boys on outing

Inquest verdict fails to soothe bitterness

By Paul Keel

Verdicts of death by misadventure on four Stoke Poges schoolboys drowned on an outing to Land's End, failed to soothe their parents' feeling of bitterness towards the school's headmaster, whom they hold responsible for the tragedy.

Immediately after the unanimous verdicts by the inquest jury at Penzance, the boys' parents expressed their disappointment at the outcome of the five-day inquest in which they heard harrowing details of how their children had died. They demanded the dismissal of Mr Alec Askew.



Bob Lamden — demanded dismissal of Askew

Headmaster of Stoke Poges Middle School, in Buckinghamshire.

Mr Askew, his wife, two parents and a teacher were in charge of the holiday outing on May 8 when a huge wave washed Ricci Lamden, aged 11, Nicholas Hurst, 10, James Holloway, 11, and Robert Ankers, 12, off rocks at the bottom of cliffs where they were playing unsupervised.

Earlier this week Mr Askew told the inquest that he saw some of the children on their way down the cliffs, but had not thought that they were in any danger.

Yesterday at a press conference after the inquest Mr Bob Lamden, the father of Ricci, said he and the other parents wanted Mr Askew sacked.

"We want to know what Buckinghamshire education authority is doing about it. We want a public inquiry."

His wife Rita said: "It has taken us 24 months to get here and we still did not get justice." She complained that Mr Askew never once said he was sorry throughout the inquest.

Mrs Judy Hurst, the mother of Nicholas, and whose nine-year-old son Darren is still at the school, said she was not happy about his continuing there. All eight parents announced they would be seeking compensation for the loss of their children.

Mr Askew, 61, said after the verdicts that he expected Buckinghamshire to ask him to take early retirement. The education authority is to hold an inquiry in September, and it will consider confidential safety recommendations attached to their verdicts by the jury.

Before they retired yesterday, the jurors were told by the coroner, Mr Derrick Pepperell, that they could only return a verdict of unlawful killing if they were satisfied that the facts showed such disregard for the life and safety of others as to amount to a crime, and the state demanding punishment.

"A very high degree of negligence must have been proved. It would have to be gross recklessness or negligence," he said.

Mr Askew said after the hearing that he had had hundreds of messages of sympathy from the teaching profession and the Christian community, including one from the headmistress of St Mary's primary school in Penzance.

He and his wife Joyce were not going home to Buckinghamshire after the inquest. They were setting off for a holiday in Wales.

Mr Eric Pilkington, of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the implications of the case were such that teachers would have to consider whether they should continue to help supervise school outings.

Geldof masters the art of fame

By Sarah Boseley

BOB GELDOP, once no more than a humble Boomtown Rat but now tipped for a halo, knighthood, and Nobel peace prize, probably not in that order, yesterday received his first tangible honour in the shape of a degree from the University of Kent at Canterbury.

Scene one was Murder in the Cathedral, as photographers scuttled to snap Geldof and Lord Jo Grimond, the university's chancellor, uncomfortably

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sandwiched into the dean's ancient stone chair in the chapter house before the ceremony. Geldof said he felt like Thomas à Becket.

But as Geldof processed up the aisle under the vaulting stone arches of the great cathedral, it was clear we were now watching a canonisation as the congregation stood, cheered, and applauded him.

A dignified Mr Edward Heath, who received an honorary doctorate of civil law in the morning for leading Britain into Europe, looked more comfortable in his red robes than the pop star.

Geldof, who lives in Faversham Priory, near Canterbury, wore a grey and white-speckled suit, white shirt and tie, but disappeared nobody by sporting brilliant yellow shoes to

match the lining of the hood of his gown. His mortarboard came off for good halfway through the proceedings.

His honorary degree of master of arts was conferred on him by Lord Grimond.

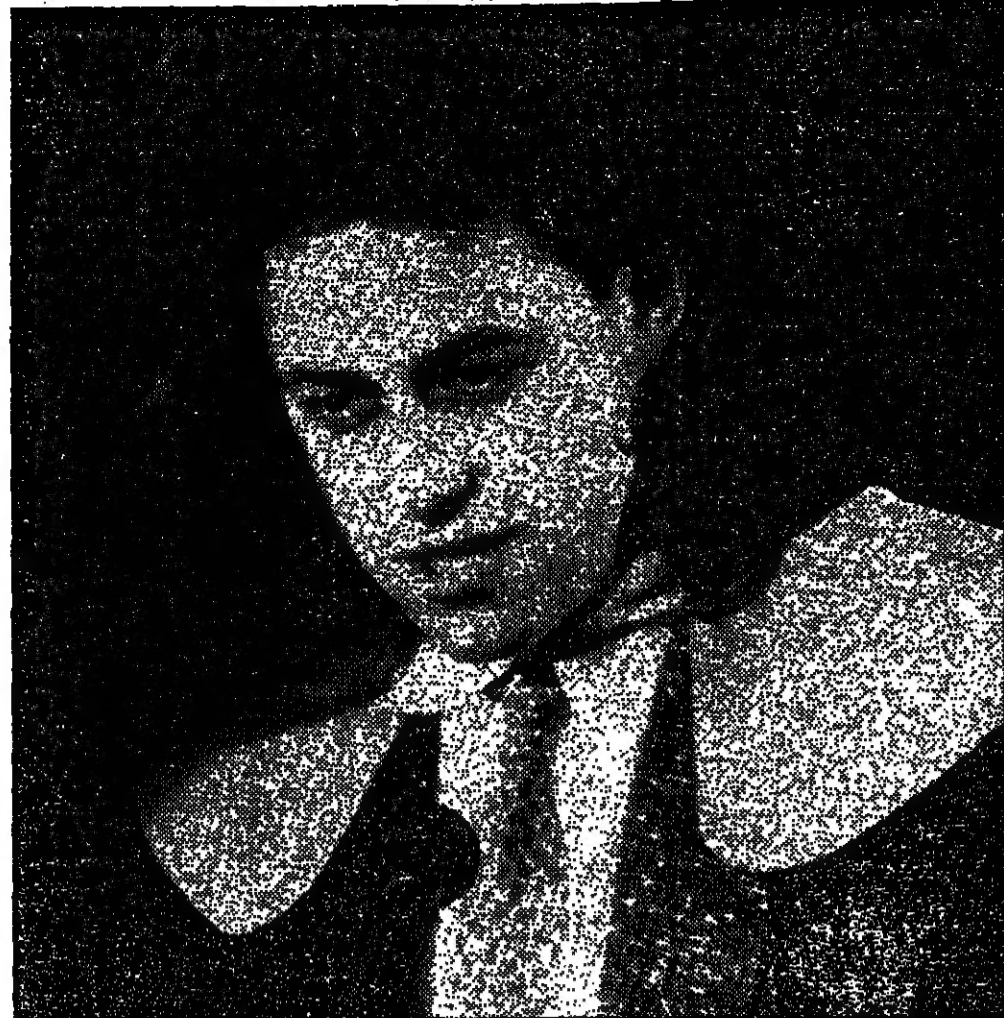
When Geldof stood up at the close to deliver the customary speech of thanks after the statutory opening joke — about feeling like Frank Sinatra in a mortarboard — all levity disappeared.

He rejected Mr Heath's earlier remark that the Live Aid concert had demonstrated the compassion of youth. Thirty million people had watched it on television — over half the population — he said. He announced that £134 million had been collected in Britain alone by lunchtime yesterday.

To the students who were graduating, he said he hoped they would not take part in "the new brutality that is abroad in this country."

By this he meant philistinism, greed, and "the closed-door mentality," he implicitly attacking those who denied aid to the starving in Ethiopia and the Sudan. He had strong condemnation for the House of Commons which had become more infantile in its discussions over the years, he said.

Canterbury Cathedral, he said, "was built to represent in stone the aspirations of humanity" 2,000 years ago. Live Aid had shown how millions of people could join together to help humanity.



THE GRADUATE: Bob Geldof, who was cheered in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday when he received his degree. Picture by Garry Weasor

Ministers recoil from top pay onslaught

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Mr Rees that the timing had been inept. We are not demonstrating that the burden of moderate increases is being shared by everyone."

Sir Peter Emery, Tory MP for Hove, said that the award was "pushing the loyalty of many Conservatives in the constituencies a very long way."

Conservative whips said yesterday that the Government would have been in deeper difficulty if it had sought to conceal the pay increases or evade the political fire by announcing them after the recess next Friday.

They intend to face out what promises to be a crisis by standing on the principle that those with talent should be rewarded.

Sir Keith Joseph faced one of the most hostile receptions of his term as Education Secretary, ending in a demand for the Government's resignation.

Local government leaders at the council of Education Authorities conference wanted to know how the Government could reconcile an increase of up to 48 per cent for senior Whitehall civil servants with its limit of 3 per cent for teachers. They believe the timing has undermined attempts to resolve the five-month dispute.

There were shouts of "rubbish," "Shame" and "crap" as he answered questions. About a third of his audience

of more than 400 was made up of Conservative councillors, who raised the timing of his speech.

Delegates carried a resolution expressing "grave discontent" at the size of the top people's awards and the insensitivity of the Government's purpose with both offers and incentives.

By far the loudest and most sustained applause came after a resolution by Mrs Joie Farrington, Labour chairman of Lancashire education committee. She said: "We note with alarm the Secretary of State and his Government's timely contribution to the desecration of the possibility of negotiating a settlement of the teachers' pay dispute."

"We also employ many people apart from teachers. They share with us concern and disgust that an exception should be made for the wealthy while those who feed our children in schools, clean their schools, maintain their schools as caretakers, work in offices — many of whom are low paid — have been told by us, for you, that 3 per cent is all you can afford."

Sir Keith could talk about shifting resources, long as he liked, but buildings were falling down and books were in short supply. There were not enough teachers and they were not well paid.

Dam burst leaves few survivors

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"foreign" place in which German is widely spoken.

Stava itself is located between Trento and Bolzano amid snow-capped peaks in the Val di Fiemme, near the Austrian frontier and the Brenner Pass. The hotels affected were the Erica, Stava, Miramonti, and the Dolomiti, each of which accommodates about 50 people. Many of the victims were understood to have been dining in their hotels when the wall of water struck.

The survivors and the dead were being taken to the Cavalese hospital, which serves winter ski resorts and is equipped to deal with serious injury — but not on the scale expected by the rescue workers.

Italy's worst dam disaster occurred only 50 miles away from Stava, in Belluno province in 1962, when 2,300 people died. The Vajont dam had been built three years previously by the Venetian Electricity Company. The side of a mountain collapsed into the dam, causing a vast overflow which devastated three villages including Longorone.

The 1963 Vajont disaster was followed by violent demonstrations against government ministers and against President Segni when he visited the affected area.

Eight officials were tried for negligence concerning the building and the running of the dam. It was held away from Vajont, because local feeling was considered too hostile to allow a fair trial, and lasted 12 months. Three sentences of four years each were handed down and four of the accused acquitted.

The court heard that the mayor of Longorone, the largest village affected, had asked dam engineers to order a preventive evacuation so that necessary repairs could be carried out. The engineers had told him he could always open his umbrella if there was an overflow — a story he was able to tell because he was away from the area on business when the disaster occurred.

Christie's chairman resigns over lies

By Donald Wintersgill, Art Sales Correspondent

for a total of \$3,400,000 (\$2,564,000).

Mr Bathurst who remains a Christie's UK director, leaves the boards of Christie's, North America and Christie's International.

His successor as chairman in Britain, Mr John Floyd, said yesterday: "I hope this will be the end of the story. We have taken a nasty knock."

Christie's has also paid \$50,000 in penalty and fees to the New York Commission of Consumer Affairs, after its investigation into the issue of the false statement in a press statement. Mr Angelo J. Agonza, who heads the commission, said yesterday that it would be holding public hearings on other auction houses practices — not only Christie's.

These will include secret reserves and secret buy-in devices to prevent those in the sale room from knowing when some items fail to reach the minimum price put on them by sellers.

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for a total of \$3,400,000 (\$2,564,000).

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His successor as chairman in Britain, Mr John Floyd, said yesterday: "I hope this will be the end of the story. We have taken a nasty knock."

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Father rebukes surgeons who did not wait

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

"The father of the road accident victim whose heart and kidneys were taken for transplants before he was identified said yesterday that his son would have been happy that he had helped save three people's lives."

The surgeons should have asked before removing the organs, said Mr Harry McWilliam, 62, but his son Paul, 32, was a "very caring person." He and his wife, Rose, wanted to meet the patients who had been saved. They had only learned of their son's death within the past 24 hours, they said.

Paul had no identification on him when he was knocked down by a car on Saturday night in West London. He was taken to Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge, and was moved to Charing Cross Hospital, early on Sunday, when he died at 11.15 am.

Six hours later, after police attempts to identify him failed, surgeons removed his heart and kidneys. His heart went to a man at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, whose condition was stable last night.

Paul, single and an unemployed plasterer, was "a bit of a loner," said his father at his home in Hillingdon, West London.

He added: "We have had a terrible blow discovering our son is dead and then being told that surgeons took his organs without his permission. We are absolutely devastated. The doctors should have asked our permission."

A group of doctors and nurses at Charing Cross protested at the "undue haste" with which Paul's organs were removed. The group, which declined to be named, said: "It was unethical not to have allowed more time to trace the next of kin."

The government's chief medical officer, Dr Donald Acheson, said that the local health authority would look into the case.

He said: "If the deceased carried no donor card and no relatives can be found, then the person having control of the body, which is usually the health authority, can remove organs for transplantation provided they have conducted reasonable inquiries to satisfy themselves that neither the deceased nor the immediate relatives would be likely to object."

A North-west Thames regional health authority spokesman said that the details of doctors' inquiries had been recorded in the case notes. The problem had been that the police had been unable to make any identification.

The president of the British Transplantation Society, Mr Robert Sells, head of the Liverpool transplant unit, said: "It is a sad case. I am sure that the person being used as a donor previously. But on two occasions doctors in Liverpool have removed kidneys from people whose relatives could not be found."

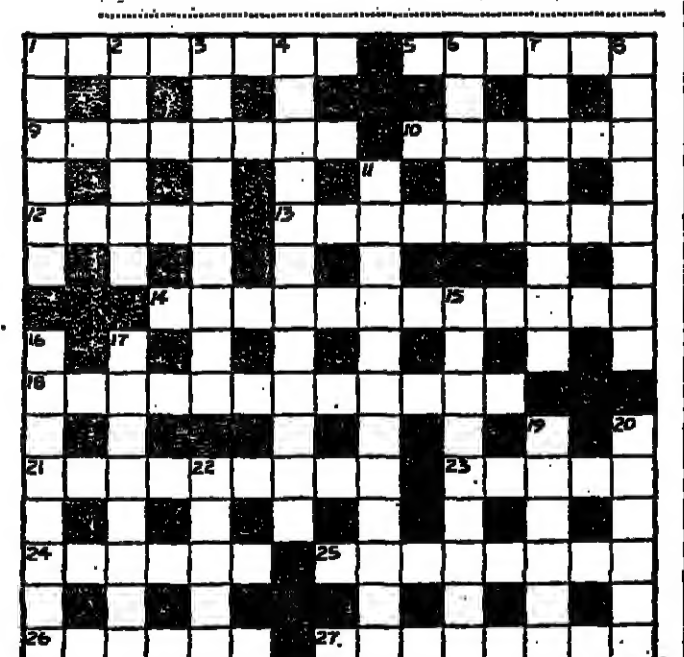
THE GUARDIAN PRIZE PUZZLE 17,293

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- ACROSS
- Notary Public taken into cordial female gathering (3-8)
 - See companion in church displaying hat (6)
 - Athenian who was misanthropic in any element (6)
 - Barbarian, waving gun about, is not strung up (6)
 - Calculations must include fifty squalid areas (5)
 - Sally, once a scoundrel, is back performing (9)
 - Ski-ing, etc. get mostly short drinks (6, 6)
 - Pushing forward, causing it to swerve (6, 3, 3)
 - Where noodles may well end up? (2, 3, 4)
 - Dispose of the mess caused by tick, little beast (3, 2)
 - Illegally remove things, half of them the day before (6)
- DOWN
- Red-headed lady cancelling advert with great caution (8)
 - What's used in overhasty representation of old material (6)
 - Formidable swimmer has to remain around ring, shivering (5-3)
 - Cast ashore — that's rough (6)
 - A small number, all French, undismissed (3-3)
 - Commercial delegation gets acknowledgment (9)
 - Clumsily repair the end part, or the first two stones? (6, 6)
 - I'm unaccompanied, appearing in solo nervously (6)
 - Official guides make royal retinue lose heart (8)
 - Haphazard seedlings can cause irritability (8)
 - A large number, given a tip, wins an argument (6, 1, 5)
 - Gin trap has cunningly set for game-bird (9)
 - Tribes met after being scattered is sour (8)
 - Frisky, indulging in light satire? (8)
 - Merciful, person gives beam, circling about (6)
 - Show, curiously, nipping into arch in an agile manner (6)
 - Goes topless, revealing something projecting? (5)

Councils face £1 bn cuts

Continued from page one

chief executive of the Audit Commission, who claimed that improved efficiency could save councils £1 billion over the next few years.

Local authority representatives are bound to regard the settlement as imposingly harsh. The important question is whether the Government will come forward on Thursday with a mechanism for distributing grants which will oblige the councils to make the required cuts or whether it will be sufficiently lax to allow the councils to overspend.

English authorities are planning to exceed the Government's spending plan this year by £181 million or 4.3 per cent.

A similar overspend next year might allow the councils to escape cuts, but it could play havoc with the smaller contingency reserve which the Treasury is likely to be left with after this autumn's public spending round.

Abolition of spending targets and penalties should ease the squeeze on low spending Tory shires but a tough new mechanism is expected for the urban councils.

THE WEATHER

Sunny with showers

A RATHER cool, showery westerly airstream will cover the British Isles. Rather cool in most places.

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